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Rebels accuse Manila of ruining talks

MANILA (R) - Muslim rebel leaders accused government negotiators Saturday of wrecking autonomy talks aimed at ending the 14-year-old separatist rebellion in the southern Philippines. "They are plunging this country into the brink of a new war. Once it breaks out there will be no turning back," a spokesman for the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) told a news conference. He said the Manila government dilly-dallied on our demands for more autonomy in 23 southern provinces" and reneged on an agreement to continue the talks in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where several MNLF leaders have been living in selfimposed exile. The talks, which started after President Corazon Aquino came to power in 1986, collapsed last month after the government demanded that a plebiscite should be called to ask the people in the area whether they wanted autonomy. Three rebel groups, in a joint declaration on Thursday, said they would agree to a plebiscite if the vote were supervised by the United Nations, the Organisation of Islamic Conference, the Association of South-East Asian Nations and involved the question of independence.

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on Nicole le Test-tube triplets born in S. Arabia

BAHRAIN (R) - A Saudi woman gave birth to test-tube Rivadh, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported Saturday. They were the first such births to a Saudi woman since religious authorities gave approval to doctors in Sandi Arabia to practice testtube fertilisation. The three boys weighed 2.2 kg, 1.8 kg and 1.5 kg at birth, SPA said. The babies and their mother were doing well. The agency added: "The hospital is expecting more test-tube babies m-the next few days."

Egypt laments **OPEC** price war

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian Oil Minister Abdul Hadi Kandeel blamed what he called a crazy price war by some OPEC members for a 68 per cent decline in Egypt's 1986 oil export revenue, the national Middle East News Agency said Saturday. "Egypt was one of the oil-exporting countries most affected by the crazy price war which was ignited by some members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) last year, Mr. Kandeel said in a statement to the agency. He said this re-sulted in the collapse of the value of our exports" which totalled \$1.08 billion in 1986 compared with \$3.34 billion in 1985.

Cuban envoy: Gulf war will not spread

NICOSIA (AP) — Cuban Fore-ign Minister Isidor Malmierca said on arrival here from Tehran Saturday that the Iran-Iraq war would not spread further. We believe that the war must be finished as soon as possible, and that there will be no expansion to the war," Mr. Malmierca, who is stopping in Cyprus on his way to lraq, told airport newsmen. "I hope the war will end soon, otherwise it will be against both countries involved," he added.

Bourguiba, Arafat discuss summit

TUNIS (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat discussed plans for a long-delayed Arab summit with Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba at Carthage Palace on Saturday, the official TAP news agency reported. It was the first meeting between Mr. Bourguiba and Mr. Arafat since the Palestine National Council session in Algiers in April. Mr. Arafat thanked Mr. Bourguiba on behalf of a newly-elected PLO Executive Committee for Tunisia's firm support for the Palestinian cause, TAP said. Mr. Bourguiba emphasised the importance of holding a summit to unify Arab ranks, it

4 killed in Manila air crash

MANILA (AP) - A Philippine military helicopter on loan to a U.S. movie crew crashed into Manila Bay early Saturday, killing four people and injuring five, the air force announced. An air force statement said the injured included Max Motchmann, a West German member of the crew filming "Missing in Action, Part III." All others aboard the S-26 Sikorsky aircraft were Philippine military personnel, the

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Gulf awaits details triplets on Friday at a special clinic set up nine months ago at the King Fahd Hospital near Riyadh, the Saudi Press Agency plan to protect ships

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — The last American weeks. politicians investigating the Iraqi attack on the U.S. frigate Stark left Bahrain on Saturday as Gulf Arab states awaited details of President Ronald Reagan's military plans for the waterway.

Senators John Glenn and John not only to continue the support Warner arrived in Oman at the entrance to the Gulf Saturday after spending a day in Bahrain enquiring into the May 17 missile attack which left 37 crewmen dead aboard the Stark.

Theirs was the second congressional team to visit the Gulf. A group of military investigators has visited Baghdad and an official U.S. navy board of inquiry is still sitting in Bahrain, where the ship is moored.

The two senators, heading a 10-man Senate Armed Services Committee team which is also to visit Saudi Arabia, said they were investigating, as Mr. Warner put

"The extent to which the lead-

they have given in the past but also to meet whatever added requirements that we may incur."

Those requirements are likely to be put forward by Washington after Friday's announcement that Mr. Reagan had approved a plan to protect U.S. naval and merchant shipping in the waterway. Although the plan has not been

made public, it probably will lead to an increase in U.S. navy forces from the seven medium-sized warships, including the out-ofaction Stark, on patrol in the Plans for Kuwait to sail half its

22-tanker fleet under the American flag for protection against Iranian attack are expected to gel ers of these nations are willing within the next two-to-three end Gulf war, page 2

President Reagan has held out the twin spectres of economic chaos and Soviet advances in the Middle East in defending his plan to increase the U.S. navy's presence in the Gulf.

Amid fears that the United States might be dragged unto the Iran-Iraq war, Mr. Reagan said Friday he was determined that the vital sealane should not be blocked by Iran or come under Soviet control.

Mr. Reagan made his statement before television cameras in the White House press room after being briefed on plans to step up U.S. protection of ships plying the Gulf by bringing Kuwaiti tankers under the U.S. flag.

The Iranian threat to shipping is expected to increase sharply soon with the planned coastal deployment of some 20 Chinesemade Silkworm missiles that can reach across the width of the

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Reagan firm on Gulf policy; U.N. Security Council renews bid to

Eban assails Israeli leaders for neglect and 'contemptuous disregard' for U.S.

a committee investigating the Likud members. Pollard spy affair on Saturday The committee said Mr. Peres went far beyond the panel's published findings and accused bility because he was prime neglect" and "contemptuous disregard" for the United States.

Abba Eban, a legislator and former foreign minister, was responding to attacks by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Mr. Peres and Mr. Rabin had

ridiculed Mr. Eban during a meeting of Labour's central committee Thursday and accused him of siding with members of the right-wing Likud bloc who also served on the Eban panel.

The Eban committee said in a report released Tuesday that top Israeli officials did not know that Jonathan Jay Pollard, a 32-yearold American Jew, had been recruited to spy for Israel.

But the panel also found that Mr. Peres, Mr. Rabin, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and former Defence Minister Moshe Arens must accept responsibility because they failed to supervise

agent indicated other top CIA

officials knew more than they

an official U.S. aid ban, congres-

The special House of Repre-

sentatives and Senate committees

probing the secret sale of U.S.

arms to Iran and the diversion of

profits to the Nicaraguan rebels

spent more than five hours on

Friday grilling the former agent.

Joe Fernandez, about his activi-

It was the first closed-door

Revelations last November of

the secret are 5 sale - President

Ronald Reagan's gravest political

crisis - exploded into a full-

blown scandal a few weeks later

when White House aide Oliver

North was fired for allegedly

siphoning profits from the sales to

the Nicaraguan rebels known as

Mr. Fernandez, alias Tomas

Castillo, who was allowed to tes-

tify in secret, was forced to resign

from the Central Intelligence

Agency (CIA) after he was recal-

led from Costa Rica last year.

He was reprimanded for his

activities in support of the U.S.

effort to aid the contras that was

run by Lieutenant-Colonel North

from his post in the National

session since the hearings began

sional sources said.

on May 5.

CIA said playing deeper

role in contra aid efforts

WASHINGTON (R) - Secret Security Council (NSC).

TEL AVIV (AP) - The head of Mr. Shamir and Mr. Arens are should accept responsibility for

must accept additional responsithe first among equals.

During the turbulent Labour meeting, Mr. Rabin blasted the "political motives" of the Eban panel, which included three Likud and three Labour legislators. When Mr. Eban responded, he was booed.

"The very convening of the committee was a democratic disgrace," Mr. Eban told Israel Radio. "In most countries, investigative committees investigate governments, but here we have the government investigating the motives of an investigative com-

Mr. Eban said his committee drew attention to "hair-raising neglect... grave dereliction... lack of supervision... and contemptuous disregard for one of our

In publishing its findings, the committee had refrained from making such assessments and those who operated Mr. Pollard. only said the four ministers

available of Fernandez' testimony

but congressional sources said it

or involvement in the contra re-

supply effort.
The sources said those officials

included Clair George, head of covert operations, and Alan Fiers, director of the Central

Fiers, along with Col. North

ary of state for inter-American

affairs, were also raised in testi-

mony on Thursday by Lewis

Tambs, who was the U.S. ambas-

sador to Costa Rica until January

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Mr. Tambs and Mr. Fernandez

American task force.

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nista government.

the Pollard case.

A Washington court in March sentenced Pollard to life in prison for selling hundreds of secret cabinet members of "hair-raising minister at the time and as such U.S. military documents to Israel. His wife was given five years for helping him.

Mr. Eban said Saturday that

after Pollard was exposed in November 1985, the Israeli government made "many tactical mistakes," including "stupid provocative appointments." He was referring to the promo-

tions of Rafael Eitan, who headed the spy ring that operated Pollard, and Israeli air force officer Aviem Sella who was indicted in the United States on charges he recruited Pollard. After Pollard was exposed,

Firan was named head of Israel's largest state-owned company, and Sella was given the command of the country's second-largest air base. He later resigned to appease the United States.

Thomas Pickering, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, said Friday Washington expected Israel to punish those involved in the affair (See page 2).

Thatcher extends lead in testimony from a former CIA No details were immediately opinion polls have acknowledged about efforts tended to contradict denials by to arm Nicaraguan rebels during other CIA officials of knowledge

LONDON (AP) - The Conservative Party of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is maintainine a comfortable lead over its socialist opposition in Britain's election campaign, according to a new opinion poll issued Saturday.

The Harris poll, commissioned for the independent television-network TV-AM, put the Conand top State Department official Elliott Abrams, were members of servatives 13 points ahead of the the Restricted Inter-agency Labour Party, 45 per cent to 32 per cent, with the centrist Social Group (RIG) that apparently ran Democratic Party-Liberal Questions about the involve-Alliance trailing at 22 per cent. ment of Abrams, assistant secret-

The finding represents a threepoint widening of the gap between the Conservatives and Labour since a Harris poll Friday and indicates the governing Torie are on track for an easy win in th: June 11 election. Mrs. Thatcher is seeking a third consecutive term.

worked closely in Costa Rica The TV-AM poll is conducted aiding the private efforts to arm daily among 1.056 electors at 96 the contra rebels trying to open a sampling points across the counsouthern front in their fight try. Its statistical margin of error against Nicaragua's leftist Sandiwas not stated. Other polls have consistently shown the Conserva-Mr. Abrams, who is scheduled tives well ahead, although to testify when the hearings re-Labour's rating has improved convene on Tuesday, has repesince the campaign began May atedly denied all knowledge of

official support for the contras Labour attacks Thatcher over disarmament, page 8



Rifai, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi, Lower House Speaker Akef Al Fayez, religious leaders and senior officials



pray at the Al Husseini Mosque in downtown, Amman on Thursday. the first day of 'Eid Al Fitr (See story on page 3)

Moscow replaces defence minister and commander of air defences rying out of military duty in command a battalion. He joined

MOSCOW (Agencies) - Defence Minister Sergei Sokolov and the head of the Soviet Union's air defences were replaced Saturday after the politburo criticised the military for allowing a civilian plane to enter Soviet air space and fly all the way to The official TASS news agency

said Mr. Sokolov had been relieved of his duties in "connection with his retirement" and replaced by General of the Army Dmitri Yazov.

The evening television news programme "Vremya" said the head of the air defence forces, Alexander Koldunov, had been dismissed.

The ruling politburo held a special meeting Saturday devoted to the violation of Soviet air space by the West German plane. Mathias Rust, 19, flew 700

kilometres from Scandinavia to Moscow in a Cessna 172 aircraft, Red Square late Thursday (See



"The politburo noted that the commanders of the air defence forces manifested an unpermissible callousness and indecisiveness in stopping (the plane's) flight without using military means," Vremya said in its report on the

guarding the air space of the the Communist Party in 1937. country," it said. The politburo also criticised the "absence of proper alertness

in management of troops from the Ministry of Defence.' Vremya said. The official TASS news agency reported that Mr. Sokolov, 75, had been retired by a decision of the praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, the highest state body. It

did not connect his removal with the Red Square incident. Unofficial reports that Mr. Sokolov was in a poor health were spurred in November, 1986. when he failed to attend the annual Revolution Day military parade in Red Square, the most important event in the Soviet

political calendar. Mr. Sokolov was born on July 1, 1911, in the Crimean town of Yevpatoriya.

He entered the Red Army in

During World War Two, Mr. Sokolov spent much of the time on the Karelian front near Finand discipline and major failures land. After the war he was promoted

to the rank of colonel and studied further at two military academies. The second was a general staff college which set him on his course up the military hierarchy. From 1960 to 1964 Mr. Sokolov headed the Moscow military dis-

trict general staff, and then held the equivalent job in Leningrad. He returned to Moscow in April 1967, when he was made a first deputy defence minister, and joined the party central commit-

tee in April 1968. Mr. Sokolov, who became a marshal in 1978, was named defence minister on December 22, 1984, two days after Marshal

Dmitri Ustinov's death. He is a hero of the Soviet union and noius the order of "This fact shows serious fai1932, specialising in armoured Lenin and several other top

lures in organisation in the car- and tank divisions and rising to Soviet and foreign awards. U.S. sees progress in Geneva arms talks but restates conditions for lessening tension

MOSCOW (Agencies) — U.S. lessen tension by relying less on area of INF (intermediate-range could begin without delay. President Ronald Reagan said in the threat of mass retaliation and nuclear forces)," he said. "The present day situation remarks delivered Saturday to anti-nuclear physicians that the United States and the Soviet Union made progress on arms con-

trol during the past year. But Mr. Reagan said that in order to lessen tension, the Soviets must pull out of Afghanistan and improve their human rights record.

Mr. Reagan's remarks to the Conference of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War were delivered by U.S. Ambassador Jack Matlock. The organisation, which is

holding its seventh congress in Moscow, won the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. It is made up of more than 170,000 physicians from 55 countries.

Mr. Reagan said the United

more on defensive systems.

"After years of intense and sometimes difficult negotiations, we have come a long way," he said. "We want to move ahead on an agreement on intermediaterange nuclear missiles that would substantially reduce and we hope quickly eliminate that whole class of weapons." he said. "We want to conclude an

agreement for a mutual cut of strategic nuclear arsenals by 50 per cent in a way that enhances stability. And we want to explore ways to establish a strategic balance on a new, more defenceorien:ed and stable basis." he

"In the Geneva nuclear and space talks, the U.S. and USSR Mr. Reagan said the United have made good progress over States and its allies were trying to the past year, particularly in the

But Mr. Reagan said the Un-

ited States and its allies would

continue to rely on nuclear deterrence to keep the peace. The U.S. president also said improving the international climate depends on more than just

arms control. "I have urged the Soviet Union to set a date this year for the

prompt and complete withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan. Nor can we overlook other issues. such as abuse of fundamental rights and freedoms of individual human beings, and misperceptions that arise from isolation of societies from each other," he

Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in a message to the Nobel prize-winner group, said Friday over Soviet he was convinced disarmament arms levels.

historical challenge to political leaders and to every person," Mr. Gorbachev said in the message read on the first day of the

congress in Moscow. "We are convinced that the first steps, towards nuclear disarmament can and should be made without delay," he said.

The message from Mr. Gorbachev, who was attending a Warsaw Pact summit in East Berlin, was read to the anti-nuclear doctors' forum by Communist Party Central Committee Secret-

ary Anatoly Dobrynin. The Warsaw Pact summit. seeking Western popular support for Kremlin arms proposals, has proposed new consultations with NATO aimed at quelling fears over Soviet bloc conventional

Colombo claims gaining control over part of Jaffna

COLOMBO (Agencies) - The government claimed on Saturday that it gained dominance over the eastern quarter of the Tamilpopulated Jaffna peninsula as intense fighting was reported on the fifth day of an offensive against Tamil rebels.

A government communique said "security forces have established complete dominance in the Valvettithurai, Point Pedro, Thondamannar and the rest of the Vadamarachchi areas."

Vadamarachchi is the name of the eastern fourth of the peninsula, which has been controlled for two years by militants fighting for a separate Tamil nation. But Western diplomats taken

on a flight to the peninsula Saturday said they were told by military officials that Tamil rebels were still holding out in Point Pedro at the northernmost tip of the peninsula. One diplomat, speaking on

condition of anonymity, quoted Major General Cyril Ranatunge, chief joint operations commander, as saying troops were still some distance from Point Pedro and would take at least another 48 hours to capture it.

Official and unofficial reports say at least 327 soldiers, rebels and civilians have been killed since the offensive began last Tuesday on the peninsula, about 300 kilometres north of Colombo. In a detailed statement, Fore-

ign Minister Shahul Hameed said the charges "do not reflect the exact situation" and were "intended to prejudice the foreign community" against Sri Lanka. He accused India of preventing

a peaceful solution to his country's ethnic conflict by harbouring and sponsoring Sri Lankan rebels in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Indian Prime Minister Rajiv

Gandhi and External Affairs Minister Narain Dutt Tiwari both bitterly condemned the offensive this week and urged Colombo to halt it. Mr. Gandhi referred to a "massacre of unarmed combatant civilians.'

Without naming the Indian leaders, Mr. Hameed said the charges they made of calculated slaughter of thousands of citizens, carnage, carpet bombing and human rights violations were a "terminological inexactitude."

Gunmen attack rescheduled voting centre in Philippines

MANILA (Agencies) — Gunmen shot dead two people and wounded three others at a polling station Saturday as up to 200,000 people voted in delayed congressional balloting.

The military said voting went off as planned in most of Sulu province after troops haited fighting between followers of two rival candidates for the house of representatives in the largely Muslim

Most Filipinos went to the polls May 11 in the first congressional election under President Corazon Aquino's administration. But the vote had to be rescheduled for Saturday in most of Sulu and in parts of 20 other provinces because of local violence or political

Officials said about 40 armed men sprayed automatic gunfire at a polling station in Sariaya, in Quezon province about 96 kilometres southeast of Manila.

A policeman and a bystander were killed, officials said, and the wounded included the town police chief. Communist rebels operate in the area, but officials said they were uncertain who was responsible.

The military has been put on highest alert in many parts of the country to guard against poll vio-

which the armed forces had gone on red alert — the maximum readiness status - since the Feb. 25, 1986, ouster of President Ferdinand Marcos. Most Manila newspapers said the alert, which affected garrisons

It was the 33rd weekend during

in the capital, two districts of Luzon and four on Mindanao, was also called in part because of continuing fears of destabilisation plots by Marcos loyalists. Opposition groups have ac-

cused Mrs. Aquino's administration of massive fraud in the balloting, which produced an apparent landslide for the government

Marines were sent to Sulu to protect voters after warlords' private armies confiscated ballot boxes following earlier voting, press reports said.

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U.K. seeks clarification on diplomat seizure in Tehran

BAHRAIN (R) — British officials in Tehran said Saturday they were urgently seeking a meeting with the Foreign Ministry over the abduction and beating of a British diplomat in the Iranian capital.

The officials, contacted by telephone from Bahrain, said the diplomat, 36-year-old Edward Chaplin, had been given no instructions following his release Friday from 24-hours detention at Revolutionary Guards Headquarters Friday.

Mr. Chaplin, a first secretary and the number two British diplomat in Iran, remained at home with his wife and two young children Saturday. There was no sign of guards at his house.

Iran hinted Friday it might take further action against Mr. Chaplin, seized at gunpoint on a city street on Thursday.

"We are urgently seeking an appointment with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for further information," a spokesman at the British interests section of the Swedish embassy told Reuters. Sweden has represented Britain in Tehran since London downgraded its relations with Iran in 1980.

Mr. Chaplin said after his release his captors had questioned him but he had no idea of the nature of any charges against

A British spokesman said earlier Mr. Chaplin had been severely beaten during his abduction by six armed Revolutionary Guards. His detention came soon after the arrest and release on bail on shoplifting charges of an Iranian diplomat in Britain.

British diplomats in London said Iran had made no attempt to link his case with that of Ahmad Ghassemi, political attache at the Iranian consulate general in Man-unpleasant.

chester northern England. But they said Friday it looked as if there was official Iranian involvement in Mr. Chaplin's seizure and detention.

A brief report by the Iranian News Agency (IRNA) on Thursday night described him as a "suspect" whose case would be referred to the responsible offi-

Earlier, IRNA had said Mr. Ghassemi had been beaten up a few days before his arrest by "Iranian counter-revolutionary groups who are freely active under the protection of the British police.

The British spokesman said Mr. Chaplin was at home with his wife and family and was being debriefed by Christopher Macrae, the head of the British section on Friday.

"He may need a doctor and we have one on call," he said, adding that Mr. Chaplin had been "savagely beaten. It was very

Fadlallah calls for hostages release

BEIRUT (R) - One of Lebanon's top Shi'ite Muslim religious leaders called Saturday for the immediate release of all "innocent" hostages in the country.

"All innocent hostages we have should be released, be they foreigners or otherwise, kidnapped inside or outside (Lebanon) because God wanted us to seek justice," Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah told a rally at the Bir Al Abed Mosque in Beirut's southern suburbs. Fadlallah, spiritual leader of

the pro-franian Hizbollah (Party of God), made the call as Muslims around the world celebrated Eid Al Fitr, the feast marking the end of the Muslim holy fasting month of Ramadan.

Excerpts of his address were distributed to local and foreign media in the Lebanese capital. A total of 28 foreigners are missing, believed kidnapped, in

Americans, seven French nationals, three Britons, three Iranians, two West Germans, an Italian, an Indian, an Irishman and a South

Когеап. The missing Britons include Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite, reported kidnapped in Beirut on Jan. 20 by the captors of hostages he had sought to free.

Political sources have said several foreigners are held by Hizbollah supporters in the city's southern suburbs, a Shi'ite stronghold. Hizbollah has firmly denied any link with the abduction of foreigners. Last Thursday, relatives of hos-

tages joined religious leaders in multi-denominational vigils in the United States, Britain and France to pray for the captives' release. The events, sponsored by an international Christian human rights organisation, Friends of the spies.

Lebanon. They include nine West, also coincided with the end of Ramadan.

In Saturday's speech, Fadlallah called for the release of Arab prisoners held at the Khiam detention centre inside Israel's selfdeclared "security zone" in South

The prison, south east of the town of Mariayoun, is run by the pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia. It is said to hold several hundred Lebanese and Palestinians.

Fadiallah did not elaborate on what he meant by "innocent" foreign hostages.

Many kidnap victims are reported held by militants trying to barter political concessions from Western states, while underground groups claiming to hold foreigners have issued statements accusing some captives of being

Beirut's garbage bombers defy Syrians

BEIRUT (R) - Despite dozens planted trees and bushes to disof arrests, scores of Syrian checkpoints and high neighbourhood vigilance, barely a day goes by without the echoing blasts from a bizarre Lebanese conflict — the "garbage war."

Since February, when Syrian troops deployed in strength in mainly Muslim west Beirut, there have been more than 120 explosions from bombs thrown into piles of garbage on street corners. "We can't check every resident

who is carrying a rubbish bag," one police officer told Reuters. Residents have taken their own precautions, and cross the road to

avoid trash heaps and prefer not to park nearby. "I come back late at night, and rubbish piles help me \bar{a} lot in

finding a place for my car," said engineer Fuad Shawaf. In a few streets, residents have

cleared away garbage heaps and

JORDAN TELEVISION

courage people from starting new

The bombs, usually sticks of dynamite with short fuses thrown from speeding cars, apparently register opposition to the Syrian Security sources say 35 people

have ben arrested for the blasts. Brig. Ghazi Kanaan, Syria's military intelligence chief in Lebanon, said the mastermind was arrested last week. But garbage heaps went on exploding. The 'mastermind,' Abu

Shuaib, is a senior official of the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militia. He said on television he organised at least 30 of the bombings.

Syria's west Beirut deployment

restored order after a PSP-led alliance battled the Syrian-backed Shi'ite Muslim Amal militia in bloody street war.

Nobody has publicly claimed responsibility for the garbage blasts, but political sources said there was probably more than one group behind them.

A military bomb disposal expert said the bombers targetted trash heaps to avoid hurting anybody, although 10 people have been injured. The bombs usually go off at night, when there are few people about - partly because of the blasts.

"The rubbish is there on every corner. Anyone who plans to go out thinks twice. Most prefer to spend their evenings at each others' homes," said Tawfiq, a barman.

Glaziers and car repair shops, however, have experienced a boom from the garbage war.

Each bomb breaks about 50 windows in Beirut's densely packed apartment blocks and damages vehicles nearest the explosion.

| Pickering: U.S. wants Israeli action in spy case

TEL AVIV (R) — American Ambassador to Israel Thomas Pickering said Friday the United States was still waiting for Israel to take action against those involved in the Jonathan Pollard

Addressing Hebrew University students, Mr. Pickering was making his first comment since the publication of reports by Attor-ney Joshua Rotenstreich and a parliamentary panel on Pollard, a U.S. navy intelligence expert jailed for life by a Washington court for passing secrets to Israel.
"We believe and hope that

action taken on the reports will do all possible to ensure that such a case never arises again and that the government of Israel will take appropriate steps and action with regard to the individuals involved," he said.

Mr. Pickering said the Pollard case "continues in our view to have the possibility of long-term effects on our relationship.

Both Israeli investigations found the country's leaders were unaware Pollard was recruited and used by Israeli intelligence but found negligent in failing to properly supervise the intelligence services.

Rotenstreich, who investigated the Washington scandal for the cabinet, said a secret appendix found ministers responsible for Pollard's spying on the United States.

A parliamentary inquiry blamed four ministers - Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Minister Without Portfolio Moshe Arens.

The published segments of the reports did not call for action against those involved. Israeli leaders approved the reports and said the case was closed. Some Israeli officials privately

predicted the United States will not be satisfied until action is taken against ex-spychief Rafi Eitan who directed the operation, and air force Colonel Aviem Sella, Pollard's "handler" in the United States.

Mr. Pickering said allegations of major Israeli involvement in the supply of arms to Iran and arms or money to Nicaraguan right-wing rebels known as contras appeared exaggerated. The U.S. diplomat said ten-

with South Africa were dissipating following Israeli action to curtail such contacts. He was surprised at reaction to his criticism last week of Israeli military policy in occupied Arab

sions over Israeli military ties

"I am concerned about use of excessive force, deportations administrative detentions and house demolitions, particularly when taking place without due process," he said.

areas, he said.

Reagan firm on Gulf policy despite fears of war

By William Scally

WASHINGTON - President Reagan, determined to raise the U.S. navy's profile in the Gulf, says his goal is peace, but he has not laid to rest fears that the United States might be dragged into the Iran-Iraq war.
Instead, the U.S. commitment

to freedom of navigation in the waterway — accepted and restated over 40 years — has been called into question in the emotionalism over the attack on a U.S. frigate, fears about plans to protect Kuwaiti ships and the threat of Iranian missiles covering the Strait of Hormuz.

Members of the U.S. Congress are demanding that America's allies, whose need for Middle East oil is far greater than that of the United States, should help to guard the Gulf or pick up some of the cost of U.S. operations there.

Mr. Reagan on Friday gave critics of his policy dire warnings of the consequences of a U.S. abandonment of the Gulf and a stern statement that he had no intention of letting this happen. He recalled the economic dis-

location that followed the Middle East oil crisis of the 1970s and declared: "This could happen again if Iran and the Soviet Union were able to impose their will upon the triendly Arab states of the Gulf and Iran were allowed to block the free passage of shipping there.'

He said the United States had to maintain an adequate presence to deter and, if necessary, defend

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TEL AVIV (R) - Israeli troops

Saturday ordered Jewish

nationalists to remove an illegal

settlement set up in the occupied

West Bank after the killing of a

Soldiers told the group in the mainly Arab city of Nablus to

abandon the site by the end of the

Jewish sabbath at sunset Saturday

Jewish religious law forbids

Some of the nationalists were

travel or work on the holy day.

from Elon Moreh, an established

West Bank settlement where

members are still mourning the

killing of eight-year-old Rami

Habbah, found battered to death

in a cave near the settlement 10

days ago. Habbah's killer has not yet

been caught but police claim he was killed by Arab gunmen.

The day after the child's body

was discovered a group of Jews

believed to belong to the ultra-nationalist Gush Emunim move-

ment tried to set up an illegal

settlement in Habbah's name

near Elon Moreh but troops

ordered them out.

child, security sources said.

night.

against accidental or intentional attack but said, "our goal is to seek peace rather than provoca-

But critics are voicing alarm about Mr. Reagan's plan to permit 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers to fly the U.S. flag, turning them into American ships to be protected by the U.S. navy as they transit the Gulf.

Kuwait is a strong supporter of Iraq in its six-year-old war with Iran and its ships have frequently been attacked by Iranian forces.

Congressional critics fear the

close association with Kuwait could compromise the stated U.S. policy of neutrality in the war, a neutrality tilted towards the Iragis with whom the United States has had improving rela-

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Further, the Iraqi attack on the U.S. frigate Stark with the loss of 37 lives has recalled the 1983 bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut that killed 241 men.

The Marines had been despatched as part of the Multinational force (MNF) but were later seen as taking sides in Lebanon's civil war.

"Let's not repeat the experience of 1983 in Lebanon," Congressman Lee Hamilton wrote in the Washington Post this week.

Urging caution, the Indiana Democrat, an expert on the Middle East, warned that "if we are not careful, we will risk our neut-

rality and may be drawn into the Gulf war. Protecting a small nor-tion of the vulnerable shipping in the region will increase our presence and risks. It could make us a target of Iran and it will not stop

the tanker war. Both Iraq and Iran have attacked tankers and more than 200 ships have been hit over the last

three vears. But before the Kuwaitis asked the United States for protection, they had already gone to the Soviet Union and made an agreement to lease three Soviet tankers

to carry their oil. U.S. officials acknowledge that this agreement speeded action on the Kuwait request for American protection by generating fears of an increased Soviet presence in the region.

The fallout of the U.S. secret sale of arms to Iran is also seen as an underlying factor in the current American role in the Middle East. Disclosure of the sales was a blow to U.S. relations with Arab states who fear Tehran's revolutionary regime and Washington is anxious to make amends.

Mr. Reagan was quick to accept the Iraqi apology for the attack on the Stark and told reporters that "the villain in the piece really is Iran" because it refused to end the war.

Throughout the furore over the expanded U.S. role in the Gulf, Mr. Reagan and other officials have been vague on just how the navy would assume its new

Mr. Reagan and other officials

have played down the threat of conflict with Iran — pointing out that it has so far avoided attacking American ships — but have said the American warships

would defend themselves.
"I don't think that they would like to take on the United States in addition to Iraq," Mr. Reagan told foreign reporters last week. "We're not going to start a war so it would have to be them if they

tried to start one." He said he believed that Iranian threats to attack ships even if they were protected by the American flag were "for domestic consumption.

Mr. Reagan said American forces would retaliate if attacked. But explaining the official reluct-ance to get into details of how the American ships will defend themselves, Mr. Reagan said: "I think it's far better if the Iranians go to bed every night wondering what we might do than us telling them in advance."

His statement left a big ques-tion mark over how the United States would respond if an American flag vessel were fired on by Iran's new Chinese-made Silkworm missiles, being intalled in a position overlooking the Strait of

Officials said the 50-mile-range missiles added a 'different dimension" to the Iranian threat to

shipping.
Retaliating to such an attack could mean hitting Iranian territory. And critics of the administration's policy wonder just where that would lead.

U.N.'s big five try again for Gulf ceasefire Israeli settlers UNITED NATIONS (R) — The need not to discuss the matter five permanent members of the outside this circle until we are U.N. Security Council, in what absolutely ready to divulge what ordered one delegate called an unusually we have in mind," one delegate co-operative spirit, have mounted to abandon a new effort for a ceasefire in the A source close to the group said there were hopes that the Gulf war. illegal West

Delegates of the United States. the Soviet Union, France, Britain and China Friday discussed the problem in a joint meeting with Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, officials said. By agreement among them,

group members would say only that there was "a brief discussion with him on ongoing efforts in connection with the conflict." "The five are agreed on the meetings on the matter — an

council might consider concrete proposals by the second week of June, after further intensive private consultations. Asked about a Washington report that the United States

favoured an arms embargo against the side that refused to enter talks - an allusion to Iran, which has resisted past peace efforts and boycotted Council

U.N. source said a ceasefire order must have enforcement provisions.

Iranian Ambassador Said Rajaie-Khorassani has repeatedly criticised the Security Council, saying that the 15-nation body was biased in favour of Iraq.
France has been supplying Ex-

ocet missiles to Iraq, two of which struck the U.S. frigate Stark in the Gulf on May 17 killing 37 American sailors. British arms sales to Iran and

Iraq are understood to have been minimal and one diplomat said he believed that Britain would be only slightly affected if the Council were to threaten an arms ban.

3 U.S. ships in Gulf lack anti-missile defence

five American warships patrolling the Gulf lack a rapid-fire Phalanx gun that could protect them ing to the U.S. Defence Depart-

"Three destroyers do not have it," a Pentagon spokesman told Reuters.

Thirty-seven American sailors died on May 17 when two seaskimming Exocets, fired by an Iraqi pilot in an accidental attack. struck the U.S. frigate Stark as it sailed in the gulf.

The Stark was equipped with the radar-guided Phalanx, but evidently was caught by surprise.

Stark's Phalanx gun had been set gun firing when the missiles came into range and should have

Pentagon spokesman said.

But he said three guided-mis-sile destroyers in the fleet — the Conyngham, Waddell and Koontz - do not carry the weapons.

Asked if Washington planned the Stark.

WASHINGTON (R) - Three of and did not have time to use the to replace the ships with Phalanxcarrying vessels, he replied: "We do not comment on future possi-

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The three destroyers have antimissile missiles and could release = = = = =: aluminium "Chaff" to confuse attacking missiles, he said.

- Ronald O'Rourke, senior naval analyst for the Congressional Research Service, said he found it unusual that ships lacking Phalanx defences would be sent into. a highly dangerous area near the

Iraq has attacked 228 ships and Iran 93 in the Gulf since 1981 but no U.S. ships had been hit until

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King, Queen visit with orphaned children

AMMAN (J.T.) — Their Majes
by ties King Hussein and Queen which built the village in Jordan.

The village houses orphans and Village near the town of Tarey on Thursday, the first day of Eid Al Fitr, marking the end of the boly month of Ramadan.

The King and Queen met with the orphaned children cared for be them it at the village and presented them at the village and presented them with gifts on the occasion of Ei Al Fitt. Their Royal Highnesses Prince Ali and Princess Aisheh accompanied the King and Queen on the visit and their meeting with the 43 children.

The King and Queen on May 7 formally inaugurated the SOS Children Village at a ceremony attended by Helmut Kutin, president of the Austria-based SOS

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abandoned children aged one to

11 in a family oriented atmosphere. The facilities are supervised by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation. The village was completed in Feb. 1986 and received the first children in May the same

The village comprises nine homes built on a 33 dunum land offered by the Jordanian Armed Forces. Each home is an independent unit with its own garden.

The project is being financed by private donations and contributions from the Jordanian



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor meet orphaned children Thursday at the SOS Children's Village (Petra photo)

Jordan resumes work today after Eid Al Fitr

AMMAN (J.T.) - Public and private businesses return to normal in Jordan today Sunday at and if an Ap. the end of celebrations of Eid A) Fitr the feast that marked the ere fired @ end of the body month of Rama-dan. Jordan, along with other Arab and Islamic countries, on Thursday celebrated the first day of the feast with religious ceremonies, festivities, and a public holiday that lasted from Wednesday through Saturday.

His Majesty King Hussein joined Muslim worshippers for prayers at Al Husseini Mosque in Amman on Thursday and heard a sermon by Sheikh Mohammad Shaqra on the meaning of littar (breaking of the fast at the end of Ramadan) and the fasting during

Sheikh Shaqra underlined the importance of unity between the Jordanian people on both banks of the River Jordan, and expressed hope that the Arab and Islamic nations will unify their ranks and stand together to confront the common challenges and

King were Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Speakers of Parliament



His Majesty King Hussein meets with senior officers of the Armed Forces, public security and civil defence departments, and general intelligence at Al Hussein Youth City, Also present were Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and Army Chief-of-Staff Lt.-Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb (Petra photo)

Ahmad Lawzi and Akef Al other officials and high ranking Fayez, Court Minister Adnan army officers. Abu Odeh, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Mohammad Mheilan, Cabinet members and

Following the prayers at the mosque, King Hussem met with worshippers who expressed their good wishes on the occasion. After the ceremony at the mosque. King Hussein visited the tomb of the late kings, Abdullah and Talal, where he recited verses of the holy Koran. The tombs were visted also by the prime minister, the minister of court, the Armed Forces commander-in-chief and senior gov-

Later, King Hussein met with enior officers of the Armed Forces, the public security and the civil defence departments, and the general intelligence, as well as the commander and senior officers of the Palestine Libera-

tion Forces stationed in Jordan. The reception, held at Al Hussein Youth City, was attended by Gen. Sharif Zaid, and the Army Chief-of-Staff Lt.-Gen. Fathi Abu Taleh.

King Hussein received cables of good wishes on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr from kings and heads of state of Arab and friendly nations and also had telephone conversations with the presidents of Egypt, Syria and Iraq with whom he exchanged greetings on the occasion, wishing them contimed health and happiness and further prosperity for their people and the Arab nation.



COLLISION: A car (pictured above) and a pick-up truck collided on University Road Saturday evening, causing the car to flip over. The accident occurred 100 metres from the offices of Al Ra'i-Jordan Times newspapers while the two vehicles were travelling towards Amman. The woman driver of the car and her male passenger were injured in the crash and taken to Jordan University Hospital for treatment. Their injuries were reported to be not serious. The driver of the pick-up truck, who was alone, was

Attending the prayers with the

Jordan, Greece to discuss

mad Saqqaf said here Saturday.

He said that Jordan and

Greece signed their economic,

technical and cultural coopera-

tion agreement in 1976, thus pav-

ing the way for broad cooperation

In implementation of that

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have been taking steps towards

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Mr. Saqqaf was making the ing their bilateral cooperation in Mr. Saqqaf was making the economic and technical fields... statement on the eve of a visit to Under Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Trade Mohamby Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou. During the visit the two prime ministers and their aides will discuss means of further boosting Jordanian-Greek relations, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

> Mr. Rifai's three day visit to Greece will be in reply to a visit to Jordan by Mr. Papandreou in November 1984, during which he concluded an agreement on increasing bilateral cooperation.

Healthy teeth more than just a pretty face

By-Nermeen Murad Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — As we talk, smile and laugh, we are unconsciously creating a first impression of ourselves to people around us. We all look at ourselves in the mirror and whether we are satisfied with our general looks depends greatly on the health of each and every party of our face. Teeth, that we sometimes forget, can be one of the prime reasons for our satisfaction or dissatisfac-

While we are often aware of the cleanliness and attractiveness of our teeth, we usually are unaware of the other two functions of

the our teeth. Healthy teeth are the first step towards a healthy digestion and general good health; they are also one of the instruments that ensure good speech and pronun-

Dr. Abdel Fattab Al Bustani, a dentist, discussed these roles with the Jordan Times and outlined the importance of healthy teeth and their effect on our general

"Germs are transferred from the cavity of the mouth, through the blood, to various parts of the body causing many health problems," he said.

According to Dr. Bustani, the mouth cavity is a perfect home for germs and microbes, if it is not well cared for it can be a haven for the growth and multiplication of germs which could, its due time, be transferred to the rest of the body, causing major illnesses.

There are three sources for germ formulation in the mouth. They are: gum infections, decaying teeth and root decay. These problems could be prevented by the dentist before they cause problems in the rest of the

ances, skin and eye infections, infections to joints affected by rheumatism and eventually to the inner wall of the heart and heart valves, are all diseases which the need for teeth care, fear of could be a result of infections in

the teeth or mouth cavity which were not treated immediately. According to Dr. Bustani, heart doctors have found direct relationship between the formation of germs in infected teeth and gums, and some heart problems. When this occurs, it becomes necessary for the heart specialists

and dentists to co-operate to treat the patient in question. Dr. Ghazi Bekain, dean of the School of Dentistry in the University of Jordan, elaborated on this last point: "Dentists have to be made aware of any of general health problems before they can start working on teeth problems, since any type of infection should be treated with antibiotics before

the dentist steps in." According to Dr. Bustani, many people in the region are careless about their teeth and gum problems. "Within my capacity as a dentist, I regularly meet with patients who as a direct result of their carelessness about minor problems with their teeth have contracted diseases in their bodies which could have been prevented had they been more

conscious and responsible." Dr. Bekain also warned about bad dental habits such as "clinching and grinding teeth" which have been discovered to cause headache, facial pain and ear

Preventive dentistry

Dentists, according to Dr. Bekain, are now adopting a new trend in dentistry; they are practising preventive dentistry rather than curing problems after they set in. This is done through a it has become a proven scientific healthy and clean teeth.

Stomach and intestine disturb-nces, skin and eye infections, motivation and instruction.

Dr. Bustani added that the reasons behind this carelessness are usually the ignorance about

the dentist and poverty.

Overcoming these problems, according to Dr. Bustani, is the first step towards effective de-

People could be made aware of the impact of carelessness about teeth problems through the media. Parents could then employ their knowledge to educate their children at home. This education at home could be reinforced with audio-visual information at school.

Fear of the dentist should no longer be a problem, judges Dr. Bustani. With the advent of technologically advanced methods and equipment, be said, pain is almost unheard of in treating teeth problems. He added that there are more qualified dentists who have taken the place of the "jacks of all trades" who used to

practise dentistry in villages be-Poverty is also no longer, a reason to prevent people from getting adequate dental care, according to Dr. Bustani. The Ministry of Health has now opened dentistry clinics all over the Kingdom to provide free care and treatment for those who cannot afford private treatment. The existence of these centres is slowly

becoming common knowledge. Dr. Bustani called for the implementation of preventive methods on a wide level through the Ministry of Health and schools and through individual initiative.

Health centres and school dentists should provide regular checkups for children. Dr. Bustani suggests that chlorine be added to drinking water in Jordan since fact that chlorine is a major factor in teeth protection.

Importance of daily teeth care

It remains up to individuals to take daily care of their teeth and gums and seeing the dentist reg-ularly. According to Dr. Bustani, proper chewing of food plus eat-ing the right "hard food" such as apples, carrots and cucumbers, can also prevent teeth decay. Sweets and carbohydrates stick to the teeth and cause decay. while hard food, which calls for thorough chewing, strengthens the structure of teeth and helps clean the outer layer of the teeth which makes them more resistant

These cating habits should also be coupled with staying away from smoking and alcohol since they are "scratching" elements which eat away the outer layer of the teeth thus making them more susceptible to decay.

According to Dr. Bustani, it has been scientifically proven that the teeth of prehistoric man were decay free, unlike now where 94 per cent of the people have problems with decaying teeth. The reason is that prehistoric man ate hard food which needed thorough chewing, the key to good digestion, while our food today is full of "soft" foods such as pastries and chocolate.

Although teeth-brushing after each main meal is very important, it alone cannot prevent problems nor can it ensure the complete cleanliness of teeth, warns Dr. Bustani, Regular visits have to be made to the dentist so that problems could be detected early and possibly prevented. The dentist has to clean the teeth at his clinic and remove sediments that accumulate at the gums' edges. Removing them would ensure

discharged

Jordanian man who underwent the first successful bone marrow transplant in Jordan on April 27, left the Jordan University Hospital on Thursday after nearly 40

Dr. Abbudi added that he exected the patient would resume his normal work in two weeks. Mr. Harb expressed his thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Hussein for the King's care and concern about his case.

Mr. Harb, a 26-year-old instructor at the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) Centre in Zarga, suffered from Hodgkin's disease, a neoplastic disease that is characterised by progressive en-largement of lymph nodes, spleen, and liver through progressive anemia.

Mr. Harb's surgery involved taking bone-marrow from his iliac bone - one of the three iliac bones — and feeding it intravenously back into him after it was purified and chemically processed. ·i 3tintes

The transplant was preceeded by 10 days of preparation and tests during which the patient was given chemically treatment antibioties and the necessary nourish ment through tubes.

Meanwhile Jordan's second bone marrow transplant patient, Mohammad Abu Al Heija, who underwent bone marrow transplant surgery in Jordan on May 8, is still being hospitalised at the hospital and is receiving the necessary treatments.

The bone marrow donor to Mr. Abu Al Heija was his brother.

1st marrow transplant patient

days in the hospital. Dr. Abdullah Oweidi Al Abbadi, a hematologist who headed a team of eight doctors during the transplant, said that Mr. Harb was in good health. He said the transplanted marrow was functioning normally and that his imnune system was returning to

Mr. Abu Al Heija was reported by hospital doctors to be in "stable condition."

Mr. Abu Al Heija, a 29-yearold Jordanian and mathematics teacher in an Irbid school, suffered from aplastic anemia anemia resulting from the bone marrow being unable to produce sufficient red blood cells, usually caused by toxins.

Tuesday and said that it was aimed ment plan, according to Dr. Hisham Al Khatib, minister of at highlighting Jordanian industries and encouraging British energy and mineral resources. businessmen to invest in Jordan. who will also attend the fair and The fair will mark the start of a the international conference to be series of annual Jordanian fairs to held on this occasion, along with be held in Britain to promote other Jordanian ministers and Jordan's trade with the outside world, Prince Hassan said. He was speaking at an official banquet held by the British-Jordanian Friendship Society in

crease their investments in Jordan.

referred to the Jordanian indust-

rial fair due to open in London

In his speech to the conference, Prince Hassan is also expected to outline Jordan's economic experihonour of Prince Hassan and Her ments and goals, the minister Royal Highness Princess Sarvath.

Crown Prince addresses

London group, urges more

British investment in Jordan

expected to tackle Jordan's 1986-

1990 five-year national develop-

Prince Hassan is in London to At the banquet in London. meet with British businessmen; Prince Hassan made it clear that Jordan's basic policy lies in suphis visit will end Sunday. The Jordanian fair will be opened under his patronage and a speech will be delivered on his

LONDON (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan has called for a strengthening of

British-Jordanian relations, especially in economic

cooperation. He urged British businessmen to in-

Prince Hassan, who was speaking in London Friday evening. In the speech, Prince Hassan is

Palestinian people in the occupied land as a result of continued Israeli occupation.

Prince Hassan also appealed to the international community to exert all possible efforts for en-

ding the Iran-Iraq war. The banquet was attended by a large number of diplomats and businessmen from Jordan and Britain. The London conference and trade fair are being organised in cooperation with the Union of British Industries.

Crown Prince to visit Canada

Meanwhile, it was announced in Amman that Prince Hassan will pay an official visit to Canada from June 1 to 3 at the invitation of the Canadian government. The visit is designed to boost relations between Jordan and Canada in economic, cultural, and scientific cooperation, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Petporting the steadfastness of the ra said that Prince Hassan will be Arab population in the Israeli-held Arab territories. He also senior Jordanian officials.

ILO team heads for meeting with resolution calling for end to Gulf war

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's delegation to the 73rd conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva will submit a pan-Arab draft resolution calling for an end to the Gulf war and the establishment of peace between Iran and Iraq, Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan said here Saturday.

He said that the draft resolution will outline in detail the adverse social and economic effects of the war on the peoples of the Gulf region.

Mr. Haj Hassan, who is leading Jordan's delegation to the conference, was speaking shortly before leaving for Geneva to attend the conference which is due to open on Wednesday. The minister will also take part in a meeting by Arab labour ministers to be held on:Monday and Tuesday to concent Arab countries efforts and positions at the ILO conference.

Mr. Haj Hassan will also act as the conference's chairman, after being nominated for the position Asian and Arab groups, and endorsed by the ILO governing

Electing Jordan's delegate to chair the conference reflects the ILO's appreciation of Jordan's active participation in international and regional conferences and activities in labour-related affairs, the minister said in his

Topics on the ILO agenda

Referring to the topics on the ILO agenda, Mr. Haj Hassan said that the delegations will review a report on the conditions of Arab workers in the occupied Arab territories prepared by a special ILO committee in implementation of ILO resolutions about the situation in the Israeli-



Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan (Second from right) speaks to the press shortly before leaving Saturday for the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) meeting in Geneva. Mr. Haj Hassan is leading the Jordanian delegation and will also be the chairman for this 73rd ILO conference (Petra photo)

held territories issued in 1974 and

The report clearly reflects the negative effects of continued Israeli occupation of Arab land on the livelihood of the Arab workers, the minister noted. He said that in its previous resolutions the ILO denounced the Israeli practices as violations of human rights and the rights of the workers living in the occupied

The ILO report also speaks of the activities and achievements by the organisation and also deals with such subjects as social security, occupational health and safety, especially in the construction sector, and the ILO role in promoting the status and improving the condition of workers, the

minister noted.

2,000 delegates attending

The 25-day conference is to be attended by nearly 2,000 delegates representing governments, employers and workers. Jordan's delegation to the conference comprises representatives of the government, and Jordanian workers and employers who are

travelling with the minister. Also leaving aboard the same plane was the Qatari minister of labour, Ali Al Ansari, who had

been on a visit to Jordan. On Tuesday, Mr. Haj Hassan held a meeting for the members of the Jordanian delegation to discuss matters and topics to be taken up at the conference. The ILO conference convenes annually in Geneva. Non-governmental delegates can speak and vote independently of the views of

their government.

Urban planning team tries to bring order to chaotic construction in Greater Amman

By Monika Warich Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Crowded streets, a chaotic traffic situation, hundreds of small shops and densely populated residential streets strike the observer as typical for the downtown and southeastern areas of Amman. This is an overwhelming contrast to the western and northern parts of town with new villas and apartment blocks, big gardens and wide streets.

For two years, the urban struc-

ture of Greater Amman - that is the existing unplanned land use, and the earlier planned development - has been studied. This study includes the transport and road network, access between places of work and residences, as well as infrastructure, said Director of the Municipality Kamal Jalouka, who is heading a team working on the Greater Amman Comprehensive Development Plan. These studies have led to an urban structure plan for Greater Amman which has recently been completed and will soon be presented to the public.

The striking imbalance between various parts of Amman and the relative uniformity within each quarter is due to various reasons, Mr. Jalouka judged. Amman has seen an unprecedented construction boom in the late 70's and early 80's, during which the areas between 5th and Abdoun, Al Rabiah, Sweifieh, etc.) as well as the parts around the University of Jordan (Jubeiha, Al Rashid) have been built up with a high standard of residential housing, mostly financed by the remittances of expatriates working in Gulf coun-

But, he explained that the uniformity within each area is the result of the fact that the whole of Greater Amman is divided into four main housing zones (A to D) In zone A, each plot has to be 1000 square metres minimum, and the houses have to be revetted with limestone on all foursides. Plots in zone B have to measure 750 square metres, the ones in zone C 500 square metres and in zone D 300 square metres. There are also much smaller

plots, which are less regulated. The situation is rather imbalanced, as 40 per cent of the residential areas in Amman are classified as A, and 26 per cent as B, while only 20 per cent of the population live in those two zones together.

55 per cent of population lives in 16.5 per cent of land

On the other hand, zone D. covering 16.5 per cent of the area houses 55 per cent of the population; zone C has 18.5 per cent area and 25 per cent of the

there are large low density areas in the north and west of Amman and small high density-low income areas in central, east and south of the town. These crowded areas are of an ever changing nature due to high mobility and overcrowded so that the provision of adequate services is very difficult, Mr. Jalouka said.

The planners attribute this imbalance to the fact that before Greater Amman had been established, there existed no comprehensive planning policy but "only piecemeal solutions for small areas," Mr. Jalouka stated. The municipalities preferred to classify most of their areas as "A" in order to "to invite palaces," Mr. Jalouka noted. The infrastructure then had to be built to suit these type of residences.

The plan determining the overall development and land use policies for Greater Amman had to take the existing zoning system into account. Most of the previous classifications by now have attained the status of a law and cannot be changed without high compensation being paid to landowners. The need to continue the previous zoning system could become a serious threat to the success of comprehensive planning, Mr. Jalouka warned.

Legal and financial aspects

The provision of infrastructure

inhabitants. This means that services is generally the task of the municipalities, and for financing they depend on foreign funding. On the part of the residents, there is next to no investment in infrastructure, which leads to an ever increasing debt burden on the development agencies, Mr.

> Before the Greater Amman Council had been established, the zoning system did not apply to areas but to single plots so that for instance vacant plots were not zoned. Now, the legislation of the Greater Amman Municipality applies to all areas of the town. Mr. Jalouka said he does not think this is a good idea, as it does not take into account the variations in socio-economic distributions and the various levels of infrastructural development in each area.

In addition, it does not protect agricultural land situated within residential areas. And finally, he added, there was no link between these regulations and long-term financial policies. All this would have to be included in a new law for Greater Amman, to be worked out by a special committee for the legal aspects of urban planning, which later will be brought to the attention of the legal agencies. By 1990, the new Greater Amman Administration should be established, to become a model for other areas and towns in the

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Tempest in the Gulf

WITH the Soviet Union already leasing at least one of its freighters to Kuwait and the U.S. determined to provide 11 Kuwaiti ships with U.S. flags, one could detect a meeting of the minds by the two superpowers: to assist at least Kuwait in the deteriorating conditions of navigation in the Gulf. Unless there is more to this shared policy and attitude than meets the eye, one would have thought that the two superpowers could extend the scope of their mutual concern for Kuwait to other Arab countries in the Gulf, offering a general umbrella of protection to all of

Viewed against the backdrop of superpower competition and conflict in the world at large, especially in the Gulf area, this optimistic view would dissipate in the sands of the Middle East and could become just another desert mirage which vanishes as one gets closer. Nevertheless, one is duty bound to call on the superpowers to join in genuine efforts to end the source of the tempest in that sensitive and volatile region. At the same time one should call on the other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council to stop aiding the war efforts of Iran which rejects all international efforts to end the hostilities. It is of grave concern to us to continue hearing reports that at this critical juncture in the Iran-Iraq war China is continuing its shipment of Silkworm anti-ship missiles to Iran. As a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, China is duty bound to implement the various U.N. Security Council resolutions on the Iran-Iraq war.

This is not to suggest that other countries, including the rest of the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, have acted thus far in conformity with the U.N. Charter and the various U.N. resolutions on the Gulf war. The guilt can be distributed evenly among all the countries that are still trading in arms with Iran. The recent reports about China merely supplying Silkworm missiles to Tehran serve as a reminder of the gross negligence of the Security Council in its dealing with this major threat to international peace. Now that the tempest in the Gulf is getting more ominous every day, we expect the major powers to do something to limit and altogether stop the tempest at its source.

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Al Ra'i: Unity in faith

MUSLIMS who celebrated 'Eid Al Fitr marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan were practising religious rites that reflect their unity in faith. By fasting a whole month and celebrating the end of the fasting they also showed unity, which according to the Islamic faith, should be displayed by Muslims in times of danger and common challenges. Islam is a religion that calls for prosperity for mankind for peace and for the preservation of human dignity. Islam is a religion of unity of ranks in the face of adversity. The lack of such unity and the absence of concerted efforts and ranks led to the usurpation of Arab land and the loss of freedom for the Arab people under occupation rule. As Muslims abandoned their positions and forsook their faith. they suffered from injustice at the hands of their enemies who are now left in control of their destiny. As a result of their own doings Muslims are now awaiting justice to come from those who took part in depriving them of that right. It is time for Muslims now to unify their ranks so that they can regain their usurped rights.

Al Dustour: Renewed hope

EID Al Fitr came this year as the Muslim World suffers from deep sorrow and distress over the continued occupation of Arab land in Palestine. This year 'Eid Al Fitr coincides with the 20th anniversary of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, causing us pain once again as we remember our lost land and our brethren under Israeli rule. What is more painful is to watch our brethren continuing to suffer from injustice and deteriorating economic, health and social conditions, while the Israelis continue to consolidate their hold on the Arab land and impose domination on the Arab region. What is painful indeed is to see the Israelis holding celebrations, rejoicing over their occupation of Arab land for 20 years. As Muslims celebrate 'Eid Al Fitr, they remember all this, but they also have a ray of hope that through steadfastness and continued struggle the oppressed people will finally see the light at the end of the dark tunnel. As we celebrate 'Eid Al Fitr we have renewed hope and faith that this nation will once again take the initiative and regain its

Sawt Al Shaab: Regaining holy places

THE Muslims' celebration of 'Eid Al Fitr should be transformed into new aspirations for freedom for AI Aqsa Mosque in the Holy City of Jerusalem. This feast coincides with the elapse of 20 years of occupation of the mosque and the Arab land of Palestine, and gives the Israelis cause to celebrate their victory and their occupation of our land and their unification of Jerusalem under their rule. Part of the Israeli celebration is also a vow to occupy more Arab land through aggression and force. They consolidate their hold on the Holy City and continue to defy the Arabs and Muslims and deny them the right to their holy places. The challenge for the Arabs and Muslims should be the task of restoring the holy places to their lawful owners, and their celebration of 'Eid Al Fitr should be coupled with the determination to liberate Jerusalem and the Palestinian land from Zionist occupation. With this determination, we can find a reply to Israel's challenges, and with this resolve, we can work together for the restoration of the holy places.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

Current deficit and capital surplus reduced

THE Central Bank of Jordan has just finalised the balance of payments for the year 1986. It shows a surplus of JD 35 million, out of which JD 16.3 million represent errors and omissions, and JD 18.7 million net improvement in the foreign exchange position of the banking or monetary system, or the international reserves in gold and foreign exchange.

The balance of payments is by far the most important and telling economic document in the annual national accounts. It summarises the transactions between the country and the rest of the world, and shows the degree of improvement or deteriora-tion in the country's financial standing and competitiveness in

international exchange of goods and services.

The good news in the Jordanian balance of payments for 1986 is that the deficit in the current account has been substantially reduced from JD 100 million in 1985 to only JD 16 million in

The current account is composed of three components: first, the balance of commodities (imports and exports) which reflected a net deficit of JD 591.8 million as against JD 761.6

million in the previous year. Second, the balance of services which reflected a net surplus of JD 337.9 million as against JD 346.7 million in the previous year. Third, the unrequited transfers, mainly foreign aid to the government which registered JD 238 million as against JD 315 million in the previous year.

In other words all components of the current account were shrinking. External aid and services were both reduced, but the improvement in the commodity balance saved the overall picture. It was the reduction in the value of imports that made up for lower exports of goods and services and lower receipts of Arab and foreign aid at the same time.

The improvement of JD 84 million in the current account could be totally attributed to lower oil price. Without this windfall gain, the deficit would have remained at the same level coupled with negative growth in the indicators of imports and exports in both goods and services, together with the external aid received by the treasury.

The capital account on the other hand reflected a surplus of JD 51 million, which in simple words means that Jordan

borrowed externally more than it repaid of previous loans to the extent of JD 51 million. This was sufficient to cover the deficit of JD 16 million in the current account and leave a surplus of JD 35 million in the balance of payments as a whole.

That is why we should focus on current account and not on the final outcome as reflected in the monetary sector. The surplus of JD 18.7 million in the monetary sector is not an achievement to rejoice about. It obviously resulted from a net borrowing of JD 51 million. If the balance of your bank account increased in a given month by JD 100 because you borrowed JD 300 from your friends, you cannot claim a real surplus or celebrate an

However, it is only fair to note that Jordan's net borrowing of JD 51 million in 1986 was way below the corresponding figure of 1985, which topped JD 137.6 million.

It is therefore important to narrow the deficit in the current account and reverse it to a surplus in order to show a deficit in the capital account. Such deficit would be a positive sign because it is an indication that we have started to repay our previous loans in excess of new borrowing.

B1-B bomber high-flying dancer with harsh critics on ground By Norman Black B-1B to life at this isolated west

By Norman Black

DYESSS AIR FORCE BASE, high-speed, low-lovel bombing.

ing flight, Bob Davis, an instructor pilot, and Gary J. Martin, a student pilot, wheeled the plane in 30-degree turns at 960 kph.

At times, only the plane's shadow racing across the countryside gave an indication of how fast it was moving. The sensation was not unlike that of a race car skewing around curves, but without the noise. The pilots, used to lumbering around in aging B-52s,

bombs.

baggage — political and financial controversy

It is a plane with problems that have been fixed — like fuel leaks! - and one big problem that has: not - the electronic gear needed.

People are openly critical of Momoh for retaining dozens of "The fact that it can get off the Stevens' cronies in his adminisground doesn't prove anything," says Congresswoman Barbara Boxer, a critic and member of the The court is expected to hear House or Representatives Armed Services Committee.

plotted the coup with powerful businessmen, some of them now out of the country. Among the 18 being tried over the coup is Kassim Alie, the

Lebanese financial controller of Sierra Leone's most powerful tycoon, Jamil Said Mohammad, himself a Sierra Leonean of Lebanese extraction. Momoh is widely expected to

Sierra Leoneans believe Minah

is still close to the former presi-

dent who was initially reported

linked with the coup but has

vehemently demed any involve-

tration and Minah was often a

target of such criticism.

reshuffle his cabinet in order to drop some of the old guard whom Sierra Leoneans hold responsibile for the country's present pre-

"If President Momoh is really serious about blazing a new trail, he can start with very small things," said the weekly newspaper For Di People in an editorial, which went on to list an agenda including restoration of autonomy to the central bank.

"It was clear from the presentation that United States military forces have the capability to escort U.S. flag vessels in the Gulf to deter potential attacks

The president received a detailed presentation on the military plan to protect United States flag and naval vessels and approved the plan for further development.

"The escorting of reflagged ships will begin when the president decides. The capability exists now."

Fitzwater said the president had ordered additional consultation with U.S. allies and planned to raise the issue at the annual economic summit of allied industrial nations in Venice June 8-10.

Fitzwater also said the United States would intensify diplomatic efforts to strengthen "Operation Staunch" - a U.S. effort to isolate Iran from world arms sup-

The operation has been damaged by revelations the White House secretly sold U.S. weapons to Iran in 1985 and 1986 in an effort to improve relations and help free six American hos-

The Associated Press

Texas - The B1-B handles more like a fighter than a bomber, dancing through the arid Texas plateaus as the pilots practise During a recent 4½ hour train-

They held an altitude of 152

metres while "prosecuting" their attack runs.

were clearly enjoying themselves. The B-1B is a beautiful air-

plane in a distinctly sinister way, with moveable "swept" wings and more on-board computers than the space shuttle. With its needle-nosed, slim silbouette and four jet engines slung below the fuselage, it is smaller than a B-52 yet capable of carrying more

It also is carrying some extra

to fool or jam enemy radar.

"The air force has serious problems with the plane. And the air force tried to hide them because they didn't want Congress to get upset. Well, we're

upset." The men who are bringing the

Texas air base acknowledge problems. But they feel Congress has gone too far with its criticism. If the B-1B has yet to live up to expectation, it remains a potent

machine. The question that a flight demonstration can't answer is whether it is capable of sneaking across borders and surviving to drop bombs. The air force has ordered 100-

B-1B's at a cost of \$28 billion. Forty-eight have been delivered. The plane is designed to restore the air force's ability to attack. "high priority" targets in the event of war. That kind of target requires precision accuracy beyond that even of today's missiles - such as moveable missile

batteries. "But besides the fuel leaks, the" B-IB's problems have included a maintenance diagnostic system that still gives false reports and automatic "terrain-following" radar and flight-control systems that are only now nearing final check-out.

To its critics on Capitol Hill, the B-1B is the plane whose capabilities were oversold by the air force and one that might some day live up to its original design specifications, but only at a cost of hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars.

Donald J. Moody, the assistant deputy commander for maintenance here, also acknowledges delays in obtaining spare parts. Those problems have been or will soon be, solved, say Moody and Albert "Don" Jensen. Jensen is the newly designated commander of the 96th bombardment

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The bigger problem, and the one inai nas raised ine most. congressional ire, involves the B-IBs electronic counter-measures equipment.

The equipment is supposed to allow the bomber to detect. enemy radar units so that it can avoid flying near them.



CIA said playing deeper role in contra aid efforts

(Continued from page 1)

during a congressional ban, although he has admitted solicit-ing \$10 million for the contras from the sultan of Brunei last

That money, however, never reached the contras. Mr. Abrams handed over an erroneous Swiss bank account number and the funds went into the account of a wealthy Swiss businessman.

Congress has since resumed the aid at the rate of about \$100 million a year, most of it for military purposes.

Republican Senator Warren Rudman of New Hampshire, de-

clined on Friday to comment specifically on Mr. Fernandez' testimony but he said investigators were looking into several instr-ances of conflicting testimony from current and former CLA

Apart from Mr. Abrams, the committees also planned to call Albert Hakim, an Iranian-born. U.S. arms dealer who played a key role in the Iran arms sales and the contra resupply operation, and Col. North's secretary.

Ms. Hall has admitted helping her boss shred and alter documents before he was fired from the White House

predecessor Siaka Stevens, who Gulf awaits details of Reagan's military plan (Continued from page 1) many lawmakers. Congressman officials had earlier forecast. Marlin Fitzwater said in a state-

Sierra Leone leader under pressure for results

what happened. Then Momoh national Monetary Fund.

grip for 17 years.

plomat.

Citizen newspa

cent editorial.

People were so shattered by

Stevens' rule that they didn't care

took over with promises which '

"Our head of state and his

they are now asking him to re-

deem," said a European di-

ministers are under great press-

ure to produce results and quickly

too," the pro-government New

Momoh himself says Kaikai's

coup did not take him by sur-

prise. "In a situation where our

economy is in trouble such things

are to be expected," the presi-

dent told Reuters in an interview.

while Momoh has so far failed to

reverse the economic decline,

Kaikai and Minah are not consi-

Diplomats say Kaikai, known

for his flamboyant hair style and

dark glasses, is a great admirer of

President Samuel Doe of neigh-

bouring Liberia, who seized pow-

er while he was a master sergeant

and has since legitimised his posi-

"Sierra Leoneans don't want a Smuel Doe — a Jerry Rawlings

yes," a freetown newspaper edi-

Rawlings is the young flight

tion by elections.

dered a credible alternative.

But political analysts say that

despite emerging stronger after attempted coup

ruled Sierra Leone with an iron lieutenant who won power in a Momoh.

in Sierra Leone.

identified.

coup in Ghana and combines a

leftist, populist style with econo-

mic policies backed by the Inter-

He is generally acknowledged

to have made progress in reviving

his country's economy and

analysts say he is widely admired

bility of such a person from the

country's 3,100 strong armed

torces attempting to seize power,

the analysts say none has been

firmly behind their former com-

mander Momoh, although the

support of the lower ranks is not

clear, according to Sierra Leo-

Coup leader Kaikai has held

several influential positions in-

cluding a post in the presidential

guard and head of the anti-smug-

He was removed from the anti-

smuggling job after an inquiry by

a judicial commission into allega-

tions of wrongdoing and high-

handedness. At about the same

time his wife lost her parliamen-

tary seat in elections held last

Minah served as vice president

to Stevens and expected to suc-

ceed the 82-year-old former lead-

er until he was pushed aside for

He said the Pentagon's Joint

Chiefs of Staff were assessing the

threat and the mix of navy ships

that would be required. The navy

nean army sources.

gling squad.

Most senior army officers seem

While not ruling out the possi-

By James Kukwey

Reuter

FREETOWN — President

Joseph Momoh, who survived an

attempted coup in Sierra Leone

in March, has emerged stronger

than before, political analysts and

They say the coup boosted

popular antagonism to entren-

ched power groups whom Momoh would like to bring to

But the analysts are still scep-

tical about Momoh's ability to

solve the country's many prob-

Momoh, 50, came to power in

November 1985 promising a "new order" in this small West

African country where living con-

ditions have deteriorated to the

lowest level in most people's

In March a small group of

A total of 18 people, including

Assistant Police Superintendent

Gabriel Mohammad Kaikai, and

Francis Minah. a rival of Momoh

who was vice-president until the

coup, are now on trial for

A former major-general and

commander of the army, Momoh

rose to power backed by his

policemen and soldiers attempted

diplomats believe.

memory.

treason.

to overthrow him.

Strait of Hormuz. Neither Mr. Reagan nor his

National Security Adviser Frank Carlucci said what the United States would do if a U.S.-flag vessel or navy ship were targetted by a Silkworm. But Mr. Reagan, while saying

that the U.S. goal was to seek peace rather than provocation. painted a dark picture of what might happen if the United States did not maintain its presence in the Gulf.

Recalling the economic dis-location that followed the Middle East oil shutoff of the 1970s. Mr. Reagan declared: "This could happen again if Iran and the Soviet Union were able to impose their will upon the friendly states of the (Arabian) Gulf and Iran was allowed to block the free

passage of neutral shipping." But he said: "This will not happen again, not while this president serves... these lanes will not be allowed to come under the control of the Soviet Union ... I will not permit the Middle East to become a choke point for freedom or a tinderbox of interna-

tional conflict." But members of Congress ex-pressed fears that Mr. Reagan's plans could draw the United States into the Iran-Iraq war. Voicing a stance mentioned by

Lee Hamilton, an expert on the Middle East, urged caution.

"If we are not careful, we will risk our neutrality and may be drawn into the Gulf war," the Indiana Democrat wrote in the Washington Post this week. "Protecting a small portion of the vulnerable shipping in the region will increase our presence and risks. It could make us a target of Iran and it will not stop the

tanker war. Mr. Carlucci told reporters after Mr. Reagan's remarks that although the United States and the Soviet Union shared a common interest in free navigation, a Soviet presence in the Gulf would

be "highly undesirable." We have seen lots of examples in the past years where the Soviets have made an effort, in any number of ways, to become more involved in the Middle East, and we do not think they are a constructive force in the Middle East," he said.

Officials have acknowledged that the timing of the U.S. agreement to "re-flag" the Kuwaiti tankers was driven in part by the fact that Kuwait had earlier agreed to lease three Soviet tankers to transport its oil. Mr. Carlucci said the process of

"re-flagging" the Kuwaiti tankers

would probably take two or three

weeks — a longer period than

now has seven warships in the area, including the frigate Stark, disabled by missiles fired by an Iraqi plane on May 17 with the loss of 37 lives. Mr. Carlucci denied there had

been any political decision to delay the plan to escort the Kuwaiti tankers, but gave no starting time. Mr. Carlucci said the Iranian Silkworm missiles could be ready

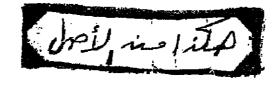
for firing in a couple of days and represented a "changed dimension" the nature of the Iranian threat. At Friday's meeting. Mr. Reagan reaffirmed U.S. efforts to obtain a U.N. Security Council

resolution calling for an end to the Iran-Iraq war, and an arms embargo on whichever side refused to enter talks. Secretary of State George Shultz told reporters Thursday night some progress was being made at the United Nations but

blamed the Soviet Union for the council's failure to pass such a resolution. After the morning White House meeting between the president and his top-secret National Security Planning Group

and defend themselves against threats from belligerent powers.

tages held by pro-Iranian groups (NSPG), presidential spokesman in Lebanon.



SAN SALVADOR — Four-yearold Jose Carlos Perez Mejia was playing outside his house when he saw a ball.

When he touched it, it exploded — tearing off a hand and a leg and riddling his body with shrapnel. Jose became one of the youngest victims of El Salvador's

He set off the mine while playing in the road in Piedra Grande Abaio. a village 45 kilometres southeast of the capital. "He thought it was a coloured

ball." said his mother, Amelida. a peasant woman standing barefoot in a San Salvador hospital Her hubsand earns \$2 a day as

a labourer and the bus ride to visit Jose costs half a day's wages. The blood transfusions the boy needs must be replaced in the hospital blood bank by relatives. The hospital does not have an artificial leg for him.

Jose is one of hundreds of civilians killed or maimed by mines planted in the countryside during the eight-year-old civil

According to army figures, 21 civilians were killed by guerrilla mines and 116 wounded this year. Human rights groups criticise both government troops and the leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) for using them carelessly.

They say the rebels plant mines more extensively and are causing more civilian casualties.

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Mines — often the homemude type used by the Vietcong in the Vietnam war - are a key part of the rebel arsenal.

The devices, used to counter army patrols and sweep operations and to protect controlled zones, are taking a major toll on the army.

The military declines to release figures, but the wards of the military hospital in San Salvador are so packed that beds are set up in the aisles. Most patients are amuptees.

In the park outside the hospital, veterans hobble around on

The mines are also having a tremendous effect on the morale of an army whose ranks are filled with youths forced into service.

"There is nothing that the sol-dier fears more," said Private Roberto Antonio Torre, 24, sitting on his bed at the military hospital.

The lower part of his left leg blown off by a mine as his patrol entered a village in northern Chalatenango province in pursuit of guerrillas who attacked a military

We didn't even see the enemy," he said. The FMLN says that while it to rely on charity.

regrets the civilian casualties. mines are a legitimate weapon of

A guerrilla field commander in Chalatenango told Reuters: "When we mine areas, the civilian population is notified and told they cannot pass through."

He said his men knew where the mines were placed and would later remove them if they had not been detonated.

"We are blamed for deaths caused by the army," he said. Soldiers receive rehabilitation treatment, artificial limbs and pensions but civilian victims have

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sun. — May 31, 1987

8:30 Growing Pains "Dream Lover"

When Carol tutors the captain of the football team in English, she intimates to her friends that they're having an affair.

9:10 On the Wheel Last Part

10:20 Miss Marple Sleeping Murder

When Giles and Gwenda Reed move into their dream home in a Devonshire seaside resort. Gwenda finds the house strangely familiar. A series of trivial, but unnerving incidents culminate in a vision of a young woman lying strangled in the hall.

Mon. - June1,1987

8:30 Three Up, Two Down Sweet and Sour

9:10 Moonlighting

10:20 Fair Stood the Wind For **Episode Four**

Tue. — June 2, 1987

8:30 You Again

9:10 Strong Medicine

Celia continues her climb. She also has found love. She and Dr. Andrew Jordan (Patrick Duffy) marry and look forward to a two career marriage. Celia soon dis-covers that her modern husband is somewhat old fashioned and would really like her home waiting for him after a long day at the hospital. Jessica and her family have moved to Washington where Bill works within the Kennedy administration. Jessica becomes restless. Though she loves her children, staying at home is not all that she thought it would

unhappiness. Jessica begins to ponder her future.

10:20 The Unknown War

11:10 Bergerac

Wed. — June 3, 1987

8:30 Three's A Crowd One Ego to Go

Jack's ego is bruised when Vicky gets a raise, beats him at a trivial game, and throws a carnival baseball better than he. To impress Vicky's friends, Jack studies up on his history and acts like an intellectual, while sneaking peaks at a history book hidden in the kitchen. When Vicky and her friends discover the book, an embarrassed Jack hurries out.

9:10 New Documentary Apartheid

At a time when South Africa is in the midst of turmoil and unrest with many countries applying economic sanctions and news from the country subject to strict government censorship - these tour films trace its troubled history, especially in the years since 1948. The series tries to answer the question asked around the world: How did South Africa reach its present controversial position? Using an approach similar to that used in the Granada documentary series End of Empire, the programmes use interviews and archive footage to tell recent South African history.

10:20 New Bestseller The Seekers

Continuing the series started with "The Bastard" and its sequel "The Rebels," "The Seekers" is a two-part, four-hour dramatic presentation of John Jakes' bestselling novel. The story continues the saga of the family of French immigrant Philip Kent, whose son is now grown and faces with the continued realities of a young American nation at war. Realistic historical drama combine with be. Taking to booze to ease her action, suspense, and romance in



Randolph Mantooth as Abraham Kent in "The Seekers" — Wednes-

this sweeping tale of high adven- They meet accidentally at a coun-

Randolph Mantooth as Abraham

Kent and numerous guest stars Thu. — June 4, 1987

8:30 Me and My Girl

9:10 The Challenge Last Episode

10:20 Feature Film

A Wreath of Roses

She discovers that he is afflicted with hysterical anger fits and tries to find out the reasons.

tryside train station. They meet

again in the countryside town.

Fri. — June 5, 1987

8:30 Bill Cosby Show

9:10 Falcon Crest

10:20 Peter The Great

Miss Marple - "Sleeping Murder" - Sunday 10:20

Peking starts to get rough with the press

China is now adopting a much tougher security stance, especially with the press. Robert Thomson reports that increased surveillance of diplomats and press seems to be linked to the recent political turbulence.

PEKING - The white van crept slowly to where I had parked in the foreigners' compound. With headlights off, the two Chinese undercover police tried to look inconspicuous, which was not easy at 1.30 a.m. in an otherwise quiet Peking.

The officers watched my two friends walk into their apartment and then waited for my next move: I waited for their next move, which was to drive into a side-street. The roles reversed. I began to follow and in true cloakand-dagger style, they tried to lose me in the maze-like com-

After I took a short-cut and met the van face-to-face, the officers flashed their lights, tooted the horn and ended the game in a comradely way.

Sadly, the games that Chinese

security men play are getting rougher and more frequent. A Japanese journalist, Shuitsu Henmi, has recently been forced to leave, but it was not until after he left that State Security made public the allegations against him. The Chinese government attempted to blur the issue and smear Mr. Henmi by alleging be paid a Chinese government em-

ployee \$135 a month to provide

'state secrets", yet his crime was

in reality that he is a good jour-

By Barbara Bright

Reuter

CANNES, France — The makers

"Aria," a 97-minute film of 10

Producer Don Boyd, an ex-

uberant Scotman, told Reuters be

was delighted with the film's re-

ception. He said he signed deals in Cannes for worldwide distribu-

tion of the film, which opened

this week in France and Switzer-

Like some rock videos in which

palist.

Diplomats suggest that another of his crimes was he is Japanese, as Sino-Japanese relations have soured in recent weeks, and Henmi's expulsion shows that China has kept its new promise to take "tough action" against Japan. Several other journalists published the same material he was alleged to have bought, but, for the time being, they are still in Peking.

Henmi received the full State Security treatment. He was consistently followed, endured long interrogation sessions and threats of various kinds, and was ultimately shown the "open door". He denies the charges made against him, but saw no point in fighting the renewed might of the security apparatus.

Surveillance of foreign journalists and diplomats has risen significantly in recent weeks, and the tighter control appears to be linked to the political turbulence that shook the Communist Party chief, Hu Yaobang, from power

three months ago. In another recent incident, a U.S. journalist, on his way by bicycle to visit a Chinese friend, noticed that he was being followed by a Chinese security man, also on a bicycle. Instead of taking a risk with his friend the journalist aborted the visit and

'Aria' filmmakers seek to boost opera popularity

fy attitude towards art."

He said he abhorred "this stuf-

Only two segments of the film use the traditional lip synchro-

nisation - the final segment of

John Hurt acting out part of Ruggiero Leoncavallo's "I Pag-

liacci" as sung by the world's

and Australian director Bruce

Beresford's impressionistic love

duet from modern American

composer Erich Korngold's "Die

Tote Stadt". The latter is intercut

with shots of the canals and

bridges of the Belgian city of

Nicolas Roeg ("The Man Who Fell to Earth") directed the film's

first sequence, a portrayal of the

attempted assassination of Alba-

nia's King Zog in Vienna in 1931 to Giuseppi Verdi's "Un Ballo in

Maschera" (A Masked Ball). In an unusual casting choice,

Theresa Russell, who played Marilyn Monroe in Roeg's "In-

significance", is cast as King Zog. Jean-Luc Godard's segment,

shot in a Paris bodybuilding gym.

brings to mind ancient Greek

sculptures that move, to music

from Jean-Baptiste Lully's baro-

Temple, a veteran of rock videos for the Rolling Stones and

David Bowie, chose well-known

themes from Verdi's "Rigoletto"

and cast Buck Henry and Beverly

D'Angelo in a ribald tale of Hol-

lywood-style two-timing. There's

even an Élvis Presley look-alike

Director Ken Russell's section.

singing "La Donna e Mobile."

to Giacomo Puccini's "Turan-

dot." is an elegiac fantasy about

love, death and a traffic accident.

Russell did the rock opera "Tom-

my" and "Lisztomania," his

Altman, known for

"M.A.S.H." and "Nashville,"

latest film is "Gothic."

que "armide."

Bruges.

greatest tenor Enrico Caruso,

marked increase in phone-tapping are a measure of the insecurity of the State Security and Public Security bureaux, which were reined-in several years ago by senior Communist officials who now have less power in a party still troubled by political

infighting. Both agencies — State Security specialises in counter-intelligence, while Public Security is more of a police force - are particularly suspicious of journa-lists and diplomats with Chinese friends, and seem to have launched an intimidation campaign. Young Chinese have even been offered money to report on con-

versations with foreign friends. It has always been difficult for Chinese to visit the compounds housing diplomats and journal-ists, who are regarded as quasidiplomats, though one security, officer explained that "we are foreigner and, in the past month, plain-clothes security men monitoring compound gates have begun working through the night

> ly been installed. The plain-clothes security men

inside the compounds occasionally get carried away by suspicion. A Chinese-Australian friend staying in a compound was nabbed by several security officers and hauled away for several hours of questioning, which she complicated by giving purposeful-

century clothes, wigs and makeup, and filmed their reac-

tions to Jean-Philippe Rameau's

"Les Boreades." Boyd described

the result as "a moving hogarth," a cinematic version of drawings

by the 18th century English en-

Hurt's portrayal of an actor who

seems to think or dream the

operatic sequences in his search

for personal happiness. Dis-

traught, but knowing that in op-

eratic and theatrical tradition

"the show must go on," his final

performance is the heart-rending

Boyd said he asked the 10

directors - Bill Bryden, Derek

Jarman, Franc Roddam, and

Charles Sturridge do other seg-

ments — to choose an opera

theme and visualise it. Each was

given about 10 minutes, a limited

"Aria" is loosely connected by

graver and satirist.

Pagliacci."

The street monitoring and a ly wrong answes, before the officers realised she was actually a

> While security around the compounds is tight, vandalism and theft within the walls are common. A survey last year of crime found that flats had frequently been broken into and money and sound equipment stolen, presumably by diplomats' delinquent children. However, Chinese police will not get involved, as they figure that the foreigners can solve these problems themselves.

> The first sign of the changed mood of the security agencies, which attempt to retain power by emphasising the threat foreigners pose to China's welfare, was the expulsion in late January of a U.S. journalist, Lawrence Mac-Donald, for allged spying.
>
> A Chinese student, Lin Jie,

was arrested for supposedly "providing intelligence" to Mr. MacDoland, and he has not been protecting you." Chinese can heard of since. If Lin Jie was not only enter in the company of a a State Security plant, he will receive a long prison sentence.

A further sign of the upheaval within the security agencies is the dumping of Ruan Chongwu, the Public Security minister, who was and security cameras have recentappointed in late 1985 and is a close associate of Hu Yaobang. Ruan had been an unusually

open minister and gave an unprecedented press conference last year at which he invited any journalist being harassed by police to contact him. He was determined to improve the agency's image and had friendships with foreigners himself.

Ruan has been replaced by Wang Fang, a political and legal enforcer best known for his performance as prosecutor of Mao Zedong's wife, Jiang Qing, in 1979, when she stood trial for her crimes in orchestrating the Cultural Revolution. Wang shows no signs of the compassion or openmindedness of his predecessor --Financial Times news feature.

Manila prayer pedlar offers hope to dozens of jilted lovers and cuckolds

By Ruben Alabastro Reuter

MANILA - Seven days a week from sunrise to sundown, Luisa de Ocampo sits quietly in a Manila church and storms the heavens

with her prayers. The shawled figure seated on a wooden stool clutching a rosary is sought out by jilted lovers, the mothers of drug addicts, cuckolded husbands, and occupants of naunted houses.

At one time de Ocampo roamed the streets selling lottery tickets, but for the last 18 years she has made her living by consoling and offering prayers for those in need.

The 59-year-old widow is one of half a dozen women ranged near the door of the Church of the Black Nazarene offering advice, hope and prayers to people who feel a need to pray but either don't know how or cannot

find the time. Superstition and religion often go hand in hand in the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Philip-

As well as prayer-pediars, the 300-year-old church where de

Ocampo works also plays host to of ghosts in their homes and vendors of herbal medicines and fortune-tellers.

A few metres away from the boys hawk sex magazines with actresses and couples striking the

varied poses of love.

De Ocampo says she hasn't missed a day in church since she went into the business in 1969, continuing a trade which she says her family has followed for 100

With an average of 10 customers a day, rising to 15 during religious feasts, de Ocampo estimates she must have said pravers for more than 50,000 people.

"I don't ask for any specific amount. I leave it up to people, whatever they can afford," she Some people, too poor to

afford cash, pay for the prayers with eggs or fruits. A nearby baker who is a regular customer brings her loaves of bread. Many of her clients are people

who want prayers offered for the souls of loved ones who have

Some come to her complaining

asking for prayers to drive them

and pans in their kitchen and the find out. nude photographs of local movie sound of furniture being moved around. Sometimes they would hear footsteps," de Ocampo says. De Ocampo, who claims no

special relationship with God. knows when her prayers are answered. The customers return to thank her with gifts. She has even received wedding

invitations after helping to patch up lovers' quarrels by saying prayers for them on nine consecutive days.

Sometimes, a man will come and ask that I pray for the return of his wife who has run off with another man, or it will be a woman looking for a runaway husband."

Some people are beyond help, however, such as the tearful woman de Ocampo was once

forced to turn away. She was in love with a married man and she wanted special prayers so he would desert his family and live with her. I told

her. 'No prayers can help you."

another woman who was having an illicit love affair with an "At night, they said, they adopted son and wanted prayers church, in a busy Manila plaza, would hear the rattling of plates offered so her husband would not

"She promised to leave the lover and go away with her husband to America," de Ocampo says. "She did and their marriage was saved. The husband never knew that three of the children he thought were his were fathered

"I meet strange lives here," she savs. "You wouldn't even read

by the lover."

stories like these in novels." Dusk has enveloped the church and a man, looking distraught, hovers around the widow as

though in desperate need of help. "Prayers?" she asks. her face brightening at the prospect of new business.

"The man sits beside her and whispers into her ear. Luisa de Ocampo reaches deep

into her bag and pulls out a rosary of green-coloured beads. In the failing light, her fingers race over the beads, as on a

well-travelled road, and prayer

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budget, and three to four shooting days. Altman shot his segment in about four hours, said Boyd, and Godard, who was dissatisfied with his first footage, paid to reshoot his sequence himself. That's how much he believed in

" "said producer Boyd. The total film cost \$3 million, and was backed by RCA records and Virgin Music.

Most of the music is from the RCA catalogue, and includes such famous voices as Leontyne Price, Carlo Bergonzi, Robert Merrill, Shirley Verrett, Anna Moffo, Carol Neblett and Rene Kollo, Jussi Bjoerling, and Giorgio Tozzi.

The music ranges from the Italian classics of Verdi and Puccini, the French baroque of Lully and Rameau, the twentieth century compositions of Korngold and Gustave Charpentier to "Liebestod" from Richard Wagcostumed an audience in 18th ner's "Tristan und Isolde."



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the United States, MTV, to play certain segments of the film, and added that he found it amusing to think of opera being introduced to a teenage rock audience.

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of "Aria", a new type of opera film using some of the world's best-loved music to back images ranging from sweaty bodybuilders to historic cityscapes, say their aim is to boost the public's awareness of opera. opera videos created by directors Ken Russell, Robert Altman, Ju-lien Temple and others, was accorded the singular honour last week of closing the prestigious Cannës film festival.

land, and can be seen later this year around the world. fantastical visions accompany the music, "Aria" is a wildly diverse collection of cinematic images. Boyd said he doesn't expect everything will please everybody.
"I think certain people will respond to some things, and not to others," he told Reuters. "But the curiosity value will be such that we hope people will go and see it. We demand controversy. arguments, debate ... and ticket-

"Whatever the purists say," he added. "I think this film will bring opera to a wider audience, to an audience that hadn't paid much attention to opera before." Boyd said he expected the rock-video television channel in

SPORTS IN BRIEF

TURIN, Italy (R) - American Ed Moses breezed to his 122nd

consecutive win in the 400 metres hurdles in a guest appearance last night at a men's athletics meeting between Italy and the Soviet Union. The 32-year-old world record holder and Olympic

champion, unbeaten now for almost 10 years, clocked 48.90

seconds against the 50.61 of second-placed Vladimir Budko of the

Soviet Union. In the 200 metres, American world 100 metres

record holder Calvin Smith suffered a surprise defeat by the

Soviet Union's Alexander Evgeniev, who finished one tenth of a

second ahead in 20.61. The two-day meeting was won by the

PARIS (R) - French trainer Patrick Biancone has decided to let

Persifleur take his chance in the Epsom Derby after the colt worked well in a gallop Saturday morning. Persifleur, a 33-1 chance for Wednesday's classic, was third to the Derby favourite

reference point in a preparatory race earlier this month. Biancone was also represented in the Oaks A Week Saturday by the grey

filly Sakura Reiko who finished second in the French 1,000

Guineas. Former Hong Kong champion Tony Cruz will wide both

PARIS (R) - Bordeaux sealed the French First Division Soccer

ceded to Paris Saint Germain last season. Paris Saint Germain.

were instrumental in Saturday's outcome when they defeated

Marseille, the only challengers to Bordeaux this season, 2-0

thanks to late goals by Omar Sene (82nd) and Yugoslav Safet

Susic (90th). The Paris club failed to reproduce their old form this

season and were never really in the race for the title. Saturday's

win gave Bordeaux 53 points for 37 matches, four more than

Marseille, who may yet have a chance of revenge in the cup. The

two rivals will contest the domestic cup final for the second year in

a row if they defeat Second Division opposition in the semifinals.

Marvellous Moses wins again

Soviet Union by 117 points to 93.

Persifleur to run in Derby

Bordeaux clinch French title

Graf survives into quarterfinals

Becker, Noah, Wilander advance in French Open fore earning a last eight clash with Bulgarian sixth seed Manuela

PARIS (AP) - Steffi Graf survived a scare from Canada's Helen Kelesi to stretch her winning streak to 36 matches and move into the quarterfinals of the French Open with a 7-6, 6-2 victory Saturday.

why didn't I play better?" Graf said.

The other second seed from West Germany, Boris Becker, also had problems before overcoming inconsistent play to beat Henrik Sundstrom of Sweden 6 1, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 and advance to the fourth round of the men's draw.

Becker will face American Jimmy Arias, unseeded but a winner over the 19-year-old in the Monte Carlo Open last month.

Other winners as the men finished their third round and the women started their fourth on Saturday included Mats Wilan-

My first reaction was, 'damn, 'der, Yannick Noah, Jimmy Connors, Gabriela Sabatini, Manuela Maleeva and unseeded Arantxa Sanchez, a 15-year-old from

> Graf last lost in the final of the Virginia Slims championships last December. Coming into the French Open, she had won six tournaments in a row and was 32-0 since that loss in cold New-York to Martina Navratilova.

Through the first three rounds. Graf was invincible, dropping just five games and wrapping up her victories in less than an hour

But against Kelesi on centre

spring day in Paris, Graf's streak looked to be in jeopardy.
Sixth seed Noah joined Becker

and Wilander in the last 16, playing well within himself to beat Michiel Schapers of The Netherlands 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

"The essential thing is to win., If I could win all matches that way it would be fine. I feel very confortable. I'm pretty much the way I wanted to be at this point in the tournament," he said.

Womens' second seed Steffi Graf, who had dropped just five games in her first three matches. was severely tested by Canadian Helen Kelesi before claiming a quarter-final place 7-6, 6-2.

to the offensive and won comfortably. He said afterwards he had Graf had to save a set-point at 5-6 in the first set of their fourth played better than last year when he took five sets to beat the round match and was detained on American in the second round. the centre court 96 minutes be-

Mansell dominates trial for Monaco Grand Prix

MONTE CARLO (R) — Briton Nigel Mansell dominated final practice Saturday to take pole position for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix ahead of his great Brazilian rival Avrton Senna.

Mansell, in a Williams, recorded an improved best time of one minute 23.039 seconds to finish more than half a second abead of Senna. Lotus driver Senna was a full

second faster than Mansell's team mate Nelson Piquet of Brazil. Mansell improved his pace-setting time from Thursday's open-

ing session by nearly 1.5 seconds to end a three-year run of secondfastest qualifying times on the famous street circuit.

World champion Alain Prost of France, seeking a record fourth consecutive win at Monaco and a record 28th Grand Prix victory, was fourth quickest in his

Italian Michele Alboreto in a Ferrari was fifth ahead of American Eddie Cheever in an

Arrows Spain's Adrian Campos suffered a concussion Saturday after he crashed in the morning untimed practice session for the Grand

Campos did not take part in the official qualifying in the afternoon and was declared out of Sunday's race. He had a qualifying time after Thursday's qualifying and was in 24th place.

Saturday he slid off the road near the casino curve and went back to the pits. He was taken to the hospital and it was determined that he sustained a concussion but did not faint.

However as a precaution he will stay in the hospital until

Olympic delegation tours N.Korea

TOKYO (Agencies) — A delegation from the International Olym-North Korea to review potential sites for the 1988 Olympics. according to a report Saturday by the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

Maleeva, victor over American

Wilander, youngest winner of the French title at 17 in 1982 but

defeated by Noah the following

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Krickstein in straight sets and not

"I think I lost my concentration

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a little bit. I felt I had already

won the second set but he sud-

denly started playing much bet-

ter. I started to get a bit scared

and played too defensively," the

Wilander, however, returned

Stephanie Rehe.

second set.

Swede said.

The delegation, led by Alexandru Siperco, a member of the IOC, saw potential construction sites in the capital, Pyongyang, the report said.

According to the KCNA rehall and other facilities.

North Korea is seeking to cohost the Olympics next year with pic Committee (IOC) is visiting South Korea, but the two sides cannot agree on which events should be held in the North. According to the KCNA re-

port. Siperco praised the facili-ties, but said he would have to report his findings to other Olympic officials.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union has announced it was sending a team to the 1988 Winter Olym-According to the KCNA repics in Calgary, Canada. The port, received in Tokyo, the official TASS news agency has guests toured Angol Stadium, a reported the news without any table tennis hall, a weightlifting mention of Soviet participation in the disputed Seoul Summer

Olympic Committee.

The Soviet Union took part in the last winter games in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in 1984, but led a 15-nation Communist boycott of that year's Summer Games in Los Angeles after a U.S.-led boycott of the 1980 Moscow Summer

Olympics.
The 1988 Seoul games are also

Championship title for the third time in four seasons when they scored a 1-0 home win over Saint Etienne in their last-but-one Games. TASS said the decision to send match Friday night. Striker Philippe Fargeon headed the decisive. goal in the 33rd minute to bring back to Bordeaux the title they

a team to Canada was taken at a plenary meeting of the National

threatened by a Communist boycott due to a dispute between North and South Korea over the staging of the events.

Mikkola aims to put record straight

Bordeaux won the final last year.

ATHENS (R) - Finland's Hannu Mikkola, doyen of international rallying, will attempt to set the record straight in the 34th Acropolis Rally, starting on Sunday. Former world champion Mikkola, 45, has won 18 world-class rallies - April's Safari Rally was the latest — but never the Acropolis. Victory would be doubly fitting because the four-day test will be Mikkola's 100th world championship event, a record. His strongest threat could come from his own Audi team mate, West German Walter Roehrl, who has won the Acropolis a record three times in his 14 world championship wins. Both men will be driving Audi 200 Quattro's. Another favourite is last year's winner Juha Kankkunen of Finland in a Lancia Delta H.F. 4wd. He aims to retain his lead in the standings in defence of his world crown. Markku Alen, Kankkunen's team mate and compatriot, has yet to win the Acropolis although he has finished second or third no less than five times. Other top drivers include Sweden's Kenneth Eriksson (VW Golf GTI), France's Jean Ragnotti (Renault 11 Turbo), Italy's Miki Biasion (Lanchia Delta 4wd), and West Germany's Erwin Weber (VW Golf GTI) who is making his Greek debut. The 1.912 km rally starts beneath the Acropolis and contains 36 special stages, mostly on rough terrain.

Tyson heavier at good-natured weigh-in

LAS VEGAS (R):— Title-hettiges Mike Tyson-haid tapped the scales fractionally heavier than challenger Pinklon Thomas at a good-natured weigh-in prior to their 12-round world heavyweight championship bout. Tyson, defending both his World Boxing Council (WBC) and World Boxing Association (WBA) belts against his fellow-American, weighed-in at 218-3/4 pounds (99 kes). Thomas, the WBC champion and the council's number one rificant heigi over Tyson, weighed 217-1/4 pounds (98.8 kgs). Tyson, at 20 the youngest heavyweight ever to capture the world title, looked relaxed and confident as he laughed and joked his way through the proceedings with trainer Kevin Rooney.

Briton Elliott edges Soviet Zinovev to win Milk Race

colm Elliott won the 30th Milk Race cycling event Saturday after leading since the start two weeks

ago.
The English professional, 25, maintained his lead of 38 seconds over Soviet rider Alex Zinovev after Igor Sumnikov gave the Soviet Union its sixth stage success, by winning the 13th and final stage on a central London circuit.

Elliott was second last year when his ANC Halfords teammate, Joey McLoughlin, gave Britain their first triumph in ten vears. McLoughlin was ruled out of this year's race because of

Eliott's victory at the end of the 1.110-mile (1.786-km) round Britain race continued his impressive

Race with a victory in the Lancashire enterprise four-day race and a superb third in a top continental classic, the Amstel Gold Race in The Netherlands. After three riders had led the

128-km final stage race for 14 laps of the 3.4 km circuit. Elliott attacked to take away a group who opened a lead of nearly a minute in the last four laps. Sumnikov's fifth victory did not

affect Elliott's overall lead, and so the first home double in the Milk Race for 23 years was com-

He opened his victory bid with an unbroken run of four stage wins, and with his fifth at Derby put his race record for stage wins ten clear of any other milk racer.

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Only 500 fans allowed to watch match to prevent violence

AMSTERDAM (R) — Only 500 supporters of soccer club F.C Den Haag will be allowed to attend the team's match against league champions PSV in Ein-dhoven on Sunday, a PSV

nokesman has said. The mayor of Eindhoven deeided that matches which carry the risk of crowd trouble can be attended by only 500 of the visiting club's supporters, who will watch the game from a segregated and specially guarded secion of the stands.

Den Haag's fans are considered the most violent in Dutch occer. The 500 will be brought by special train to Eindhoven and will be escorted to the PSV Stadium, police said. They added that other suppor-

ters of Den Haag will immediately be put on a return train or will he removed from the vicinity of the stadium. A spokesman for PSV said they

would sell tickets to any other supporter of Den Haag who seemed to be "a lover of the soccer game, not a trouble 0.5 with a 6.59 earned run averseeker. Fred Van Hal, secretary and

F.C. Den Den Haug, said 500 tickets were probably enough for

Milwaukee Brewers in bad shape Cleveland Indians inflicted on Milwaukee their 6th straight loss NEW YORK (AP) - As Ted land routed New York 13-5, Chiwhile Kent Hrbek and Gene Lar-

Higuera goes, so go the Mil-waukee Brewers. And right now. they're both in bad shape.

Pat Tabler drove home three runs, including a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning that knocked out Higuera, and the Cleveland Indians sent Milwaukee to its sixth straight loss, 9-6 Friday Night. Higuera, a 20-game winner last

season, went 4-0 as Milwaukee started the season 20-3. But was age in May.

"When your stopper doesn't stop and you're not playing too well in other facets of the game, there's a chance for a pretty good losing streak, and that's what we've got," Brewers manager Tom Trebelhorn said. "This is disheartening, but not fatal."

Cleveland, meanwhile, ended won for just the seventh time in

trounced Kansas City 16-5. Oak- Mark Salas homered twice and

cago beat Boston 8-6, Seattle stopped Baltimore 7-3 and kin hit solo homers for the Twins. Toronto defeated California 3-1. Blue Jays 3, Angels 1. Rangers 16, Royals 5 in seven innings and Tony Fer-

Larry Parrish and Pete O'Brien set Texas team records in the Rangers' rout against Kansas City. Parrish drove in five runs and established a club mark of 33 RBI in May, surpassing the record of 29 he shared with Jeff Burroughs. Atheletics 13, Yankees 5

Jose Canseco hit a two-run homer, sparking a four-run first inning that sent Oakland over New York. Alfredo griffin drove home four runs for the visitingathletics, who took a 9-0 lead in

the fifth inning.
Tigers 15, Twins 7

Tom Brookens hit his first career Grand Slam and Matt Nokes hit a three-run homer as its four-game losing streak and Detroit won a slugfest with Minne sota for its fifth straight victory. Pat Sheridan added a two-run In other games, Detroit homer and Alan Trammell had a crushed Minnesota 15-7, Texas solo shot for the Host Tigers.

first pitch and went on to win for the third time in four decisions this month. Tom Henke went the final 1 2-3 innings for his eighth

Dave Stieb allowed seven hits

nandez scored two runs as Toron-

to sent California to its seventh

straight loss. Stieb, 3-3, gave up a

home run to Ruppert Jones on his

White Sox 8, Red Sox 6

Pinch-hitter Jerry, Hairston's bree-run homer broke a 4-4 tie in the seventh inning and lifted Chi-cago over Boston. Hairston's homer was the first by a white sox pinch hitter this season. One out after he homered, Daryi Boston

hit a solo homer off Bob Stanley,

Mariners 7, Orioles 3 Mike Kingery hit a three-run, pinch homer and Rey Quinones also homered as Seattle beat Baltimore.

British runner *wins*

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) -Kevin Forster of England broke away from front-runner Goran Hogberg of Sweden with some 10 kilometres left and held on to win the Stockholm Marathon Saturday in 2 hours, 13 minutes and 52 seconds.

It was the first major marathon victory for the 28-year-old Briton, who broke through as a marathon runner in 1984 when he finished runner-up in the London

Forster switched to marathoning after competing in long distance races up to 10,000 metres.

Hogberg finished seven seconds behind Forster in the race, entered by more than 15,000 runners, at Stockholm's Olympic Stadium. The event is the world's fourth largest marathon.

Third in the 42,195-metre event was Freddy Vandervennet of Belgium in 2:15:08.

Connors strikes blow for past generation PARIS (R) - "I've fulfilled my pion, won just six games as a

time - for good or bad - and I'm way beyond the stage for came off Connors' then futuristic worrying about what actually happens out there."

Jimmy Connors, the world number one from 1974-78 but grand old man, winning the U.S. now content to squeeze into the top 10 in ninth place, took another gulp of cold beer and sat back with a mischievous grin.

At 34, Connors belongs to a previous generation. He emerged during the last days of Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall, developed two memorable rivalries with Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe and now is a troublesome old irritant to Boris Becker and Mats

Becket and Connors are on course for a potentially explosive quarter-final encounter at the French Open championships and it is worth remembering the West German was just six years old when the American completed three parts of the Grand Slam by winning the 1974 Wimbledon, U.S. and Australian titles.

Thirteen years ago, it was Connors who was the brash young whiz kid of tennis, committing the unpardonable offence of inflicting two merciless beatings on a 40-year-old Rosewall in the Wimbledon and U.S. Open The Australian, losing finalist

20 years previously and riding on a wave of emotion at Wimbledon where he had never been chambarrage of blistering winners metal racket.

Two months later, Connors was even more savage on the Open title with embarrassing ease as Rosewall crumbled 6-1, 6-0, Connors, luxuriating in his role

of elder statesman, gatecrashed a Becker post-match news conference at Roland Garros this week and the West German came off second best as the two engaged in half-serious banter. Becker has beaten the Amer-

ican in their two previous meetings, though both were close affairs but there is little doubt the new breed of top players still regard Connors as a dangerous alley-cat who wears the scars of battle with pride. "I'm here because I enjoy

Paris, I enjoy playing and to have some fun. I'm not going to go berserk if I lose," said Connors, adding after an ominous pause: "But I'm not saying I won't fight my brains out to win.' Though it is three years since he achieved the last of his record

105 tournament victories, and although he has never been able to improve a mediocre serve and a distinctly fallible forehand, Connors remains a tough man to "You don't lose matches just

because yu're 34. I'm in good shape, I'm hitting the ball well,

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and I proved against Mikael Westphal that I can still grind it out for three hours 40 minutes on a slow clay court.

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"Lendl and Wilander are the favourites, and that's how it should be with their records... but I'm still in Paris while a lot of big names have gone home and I really feel I'm now part of the ? tournament.

"I haven't played in about six weeks so I'm glad to have comethrough a couple of rounds and I. have the distinct feeling I can win a few more matches yet.

Those words are unlikely to do anything for the confidence of 17-year-old Argentine Franco Davin who had the task of facing Connors later on Saturday for a place in the last 16.

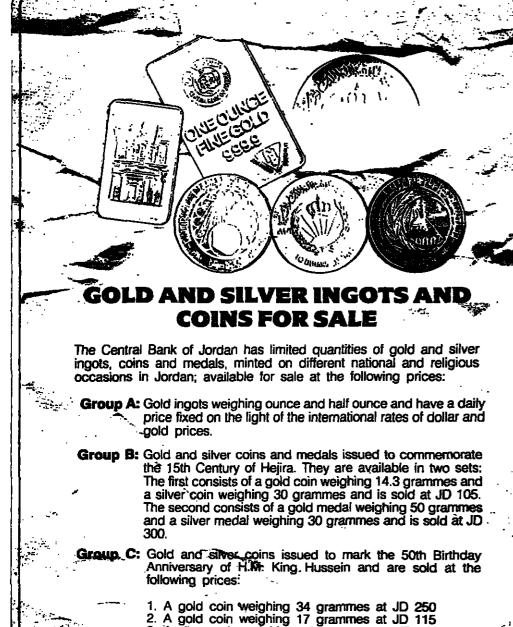
Connors, winner of eight Grand Slam singles titles, has notruled out the possibility of collecting a ninth major championship, though he stresses that winning is no longer of paramount importance.

"I'll play as long as I can satisfy myself and not disappoint the crowds who come to see me. he said.

"But I have the chance to beat a lot of guys because I fight for every point and I'll stay out there for four or five hours if neces-

Sary."
That is going to discourage some players... they'll be saying what's the deal, he's supposed to be 34 ... well, the deal is that I can still play a little bit.'





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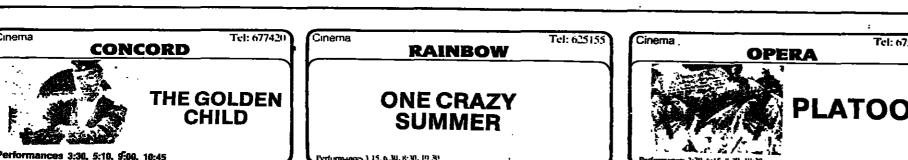
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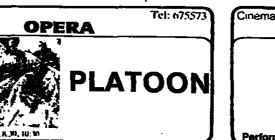
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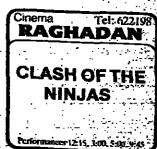


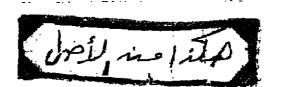


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Israel to buy 2m tonnes of coal from Colombia

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The contracted to buy about two military and the lion tonness of coal from Columbia by 1990 in a move to distance itself for political reasons and 100 men major supplier. Israeli trade officials one tenth of cials said Friday.

The contract, to be signed in the United States.

But there is resistance amon

The contract, to be signed in Colombia this week, will be worth between \$63 and \$116 million depending on fluctuations in the world price, diplomats said. Israel is also discussing coal is decided to deals with Poland, which restored after it the lewish

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after the acconsular relations with the Jewish first coal in July, the diplomats state last year, and China, with said. Colombia expects to stup first coal in July, the diplomats state last year, and China, with said. London Metal Exchange **London Metal Exchange** introduces new system

LONDON (R) — The London Metal Exchange (LME), the world's leading market in zinc, copper, aluminium and lead, introduced a new trade clearing system Friday, designed to reduce the risk of financial losses.

Dealings will be guaranteed by a control body, the International Commodities Clearing House (ICCH) "substantially reducing the risk of bankruptcy of any member and any subsequent losses to clients," LME Chairman Jacques Lion said.

The LME, which was regarded by experts as London's most old-fashioned exchange, was the last commodity market in the world to adopt the clearing house system.

After the LME started in 1878, its members had traditionally

been relying on trust, honour and a loose monitoring system in their Its restructuring is part of a big reform of the various London exchanges and meets demands made in regulations by the Securities

Investment Board (SIB), which will take effect this autumn. Mr. Ian McGaw, ICCH managing director, described the switch to the clearing system as a historic day for the LME.

YOUR DAILY from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Meditate and reflect on matters of a foundational nature but don't make any decisions just yet. Proceed with caution at home to sidestep controversy there.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) It's a fine day for paying more attention to your home and kin. Plan how to add to your property.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Study into new philosophies that can help you realize your deepest wishes. Check your information.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) During your spare time study how to gain a greater abundance. You get fine ideas from periodicals.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't try to push any personal ideas today. You are inspired toward your finest ambitions tenight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Dig up every bit of data that has been difficult to attain so far! Have a romantic even-

ing with your mate.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your friends and newcomers and know exactly the ones that are most

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Any outside task should be handled with tact and cantion today. Plan for the coming week touight. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are anxious to ex-

pand but need to prepare better before doing so if you truly want succes SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Take time to

organize your activities more wisely so that you get better results in the days ahead. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Analyze how best

to get along with partners who are quite different. Make visits to people you like.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) It's time to be of ser-

vice to another who is deserving. Improve your health and become more energetic.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) It's a good day to relax and be happy with the one you love. Show your devotion for this person.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she,

will have much ability at making the family happy. This child will also understand the value of a dollar and always will keep some on reserve for possible emergencies. A most conscientious person here, but do teach this

THE Daily Crossword by Victor Jambor, Jr.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during the week starting Saturday, May 23, '87 and ending Tuesday, May 26, '87. (Figures in Jordanian dinars)."

Name of company	Number of shares	Volume of trade	Opening price	Closing price	Par value
Banking and financial institutions Industrial Development Bank	4250	5313	1.250	1.250	1.000
Petra Bank	250	565	2.300	2.260	1.000
Jordan Islamic Bank Jordan Kuwait Bank	6273	_ 105 105 5 0	2.100 1.660	2.100 1.700	1.000
Jordan Gulf Bank Housing Bank			_	_	1.000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank	_	830 —	1.650	1.660	1.000
Cairo Amman Bank Bank of Jordan	1972	9295 34699	22.500 17.550	22_500 17.600	5.000 5.000
Arab Bank Jordan National Bank	310	37895	122,000	122.000	10.000
Jordan Finance House for Development	4100	10888 3526	2.490 0.860	2.500 0.860	1.000
Islamic Investment House Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation	12021	21646	1.670	1.690	1.000
Finance and Credit Corporation National Financial Investments	15098	11551	0.770	0.770	1.000
National Portfolio Securities	27028	1633 20315	1.420 0.740	1.420 0.790	1.000
Jordan Securities Corporation Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	250 8124	223 11334	0.890 1.390	0.890 1.3 9 0	1.000
Real Estate Financing Corporation Al Mashrek Exchange		_	_	_	2.000
Insurance and reinsurance	_	-	_	_	10.000
Jordan French Insurance	11502	56215	4.800	4.800	1.000
REFCO Life Insurance	50	106 595	0.890 11.700	0.880 11.900	1.000
Arab Life and Accident Insurance Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance	5325	4361	0.810	0.820	1.000
Holy Land Insurance	_	=	=	_	1.000
Philadelphia Insurance Arab Union International Insurance	1000	910	0.900	0.910	1.000
Jerusalem Insurance Jordan-Guif Insurance	3555 1000	4801 760	1.330 0.760	1.350 0.760	1.000
Universal Insurance	_	_		_	1.000
General Insurance Jordan Eagle Insurance	200	260 —	1.250	1.300	1.000
Middle East Insurance Al-Izdihar Insurance	2800	2160	0.950	0.270	10.000 1.000
National Ahliya Insurance	1234	1543	1.300	0.770 1.250	1.000
Services and industries					1
Darco for Housing and Investment	6750 50	3827 21	0.570 8.428	0.580 0.420	1.000
Jordan Leasing Corporation	72	47	0.680	0.650	1.000
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments Equipment Leasing & Maintenance/Ta'jeerco	6416	963 —	0.650	0.660	1.000 j 1.000 j
Jordanian Electric Power	2203 110	3358 101	1.510 0.920	1.530 0.920	1.000
Arab International Hotels	-		V.520	U.520	1.000
Hotels and Tourism Garage Owners Federation Office	1529	6116	4.000	4.000	1.000
Jordan National Shipping Lines Jordan Press Foundation	50 3167	. 43 8547	0.910	0.860	1.000
Jordan Press and Publishing	400	880	2.700 2.200	2.700 2.200	1.000 1.000
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing and Publishing Jordan Dairy	8600 8289	3957 10030	0.440 1.220	0.470 1.210	1.000 1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	10285	21556	2.030	2.190	1.000
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	44275 5153	39689 10047	0.880 1.940	0.930 1.950	1.000
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural (Intaj) Arab Chemical Detergent Industries	608 5080	796 25296	1.310 4.900	1.310 4.950	1.000
Aladdin Industries	13900	13094	0.930	0.950	1.000
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing Jordan Worsted Mills	95030 108	181949 475	1.870 4.400	1.940 4.400	1.000
Jordan Ceramics	3400	3604	1.060	1.060	1.000
Chemical Industries	8850 2700	9382 1296	1.060 0.480	1.060 0.480	1.000
Dar Al Dawa' for Development and Investment National Steel Industries	1650 20546	2149 48327	1.300 2.330	1.310 2.390	1.000 1.000
Universal Chemical Industries	1900	1696	0.900	0.900	1.000
General Mining	697	5098	7.280	7.320	1.000 5.000
Jordan Lime & Brick	26431	7582	0.280	0.300	1.000
Arab Paper Converting and Trading	_	_	_	_	1.000
Jordan Wooden Industries (JWICO)	210	158	0.800	0.750	1.000 1.000
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing	6650	7714	1.160	1.160	1.000
Jordan Paper and Cardboard			-		1.000
Jordan Rockwool Industries	2300	1104	0.470	0.480	1.000 1.000
Jordan Himeh Mineral	_	_	_	_	1.000 1.006
Woolen Industries	_	_	_	_	1.000
Jordan Tanning Jordan Printing and Packaging	=	=	=	=	1.000
Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette	50	588	11.550	11.750	5.000 1.000
Jordan Brewery	=	_	=	=	1.000
Arab Center for Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals National Cable & Wire Manufacturing	15450	13807	0.870	0.910	1.000
Jordan Spinning & Weaving	68500 207298	59420	0.840	0.880	1.000
Jordan Cement Factories	24136	643768 24099	3.270 0.980	3. 440 1.010	1.000
Jordan Glass Industries		_	_	_	1.000
Grand total	721,908	1,413,218]

Dollar, stocks move higher

NEW YORK (R) — Japan's plan to inject \$42 billion into its economy to stimulate growth and help reduce its trade surplus helped lift the dollar, international stock prices and U.S. treasury bonds Friday.

But Wall Street dropped nearly 20 points in the Dow Jones industrial average.

The extra state spending worth \$35 billion and tax cuts of \$7 billion were announced early in the day by Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone. The purpose of the huge injection of cash is to stimulate the Japanese economy and thereby increase the level of foreign imports to Japan in order to reduce its \$100 billion annual trade surplus.

By taking such steps, officials hope they can rely less on the sharp drop in the dollar, which has fallen more than 40 per cent in the last 19 months, in order to cut the trade surplus. A lower dollar makes U.S. goods more competitive abroad and imported goods more expensive.

But several currency dealers in London said Friday they were not sure the Japanese measures would do much to end the dollar's long fall.

Even Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said the measures would have no major immediate impact on the huge Japanese trade surplus.

But the dollar climbed as high as 144.43 yen before closing at 143.75, near its low for the day. It closed at 143.30 yen on Thursday.

The dollar also rose against the West German mark, climbing to 1.8240 marks in London, although it lost much of the ground in quiet trading late in the day, to close at 1.8180, up from 1.8170 on Thursday.

The Japanese move also gave a lift to U.S. treasury bond prices. The benchmark 30-year bond was up 28/32, equal to \$8.75 on a thousand-dollar bond, at 101-07/ 32. This pushed the yield down to 8.64 per cent from 8.72 per cent on Thursday.

Wall Street refused to go along with the upward trend. Moderate profit-taking forced blue chip stocks to fall steadily at the end of a sluggish session, as the Dow Jones average slipped 19.11 points to 2,2091.57.

Helped by a 15-point rise on Wall Street on Thursday, Japanese investors decided they liked the economic package and bought stocks.

The Tokyo Nikkei stock market average ended up 338.74 at a record-high 24,772.39. The previous record high was on May 15 at 24,729.03.

Investors also enthusiastically bought British shares. The Financial Times/Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares closed up 45.6 at 2,203 points, its secondbiggest gain in history.

Fed intervention

Meanwhile the Federal Reserve (Fed) bought more than \$4 billion in March and April in a bid to stop the dollar's steep fall on foreign exchange markets, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York said Friday.

The United States intervened in the market on 17 occasions, buying \$3.96 billion against the Japanese yen and \$99 million against the West German mark, the Fed bank said in its quarterly report to Congress.

As part of a pact struck by six on Feb. 22 to foster greater exchange rate stability, the United States also sold \$30 million in early March as speculative buying boosted the dollar to 1.8745

The New York Fed conducts foreign exchange intervention on behalf of the Federal Reserve system and the U.S. Treasury. Mr. Sam Cross, executive vice

president of the New York Fed. told a news conference that the U.S. intervention was coordinated with foreign central banks. which he said also bought "extraordinary amounts" of dollars in the February-April period covered in the report.

The dollar moved sharply during the three months, hitting a 40-year low of around 139 yen in

The fall culminated a 214 year slide in the dollar from a peak of over 250 yen in January 1985.

The dollar has since stabilised at just over 140 yen. Mr. Cross declined to say exactly how much other central banks had bought, but he said combined official purchases of dollars approximated, and may

even have exceeded, the U.S. current account deficit during that period. Mr. Cross's comment was the first official confirmation that the net inflow of private capital to the United States dried up in the first quarter as foreign confidence ebbed and that foreign central

banks were in effect financing the

U.S. current account deficit through their dollar purchases. The current account balance measures the surplus or deficit in

the trade of goods and services. First-quarter data have not yet been published, but in the fourth quarter of 1986, the United States ran a current account deficit of \$36.84 billion.

Assuming no improvement, that would mean central bank intervention for the period would have totalled nearly \$37 billion. The U.S. purchases were the

largest for a three-month period since a big drop in the dollar in the late 1970s, a time of high inflation and political tensions, Mr. Cross said.

By contrast, in the previous three months between November and January, the Fed had bought just \$50 million in the market.

Mr. Cross said the intervention had worked. "The operation has been successful and has restored a considerable measure of stability to the foreign exchange market," he said.

Key leading indicators drop

On the other hand, a sharp fall

decline in three months — was discounted by analysts who said it did not foretell a major down-

The index of leading indicators was down 0.6 per cent last month after rising in March by 0.3 per cent in January.

"Although it was weak, it follows two fairly strong months and should cause no strong worries that recession is on the immediate major industrial countries in Paris horizon," said Mr. David Wyss, senior vice president of Data Resources Inc. of Lexington, Massachusetts.

> Lower auto sales and weakness in the building sector depressed two key components of the index - new orders and building permits — as anticipated and accounted for most of the April

"This report points to continued muddling through by the economy," Mr. Wyss said.

The pace of economic growth in the current quarter is expected to be slower than in the first three months of 1987 when gross national product (GNP) expanded by a robust 4.4 per cent largely as a result of inventorybuilding by businesses.

The White House has forecast growth of three per cent this year, up modestly from the 2.5 per cent growth in 1986.

Mr. Allen Sinai, senior vice president of Shearson Lehman Bros, Inc. in New York, said the-April leading indicators fall was exaggerated by the upward revision in the March figure to a 0.8 per cent rise from 0.4 per cent.

The change was made because the rate at which companies built up inventories in March was higher than estimated earlier. The Commerce Department

said stocks of unsold goods swelled to an inflation-adjusted annual rate of \$23.72 in March from \$11.84 billion in February.

Mr. Sinai said there were two holidays during April, Good Friday and Passover, that helped shorten the average workweek and had a one-time depressing effect on the leading indicators index.

"There are no alarm signals for the future of the economy to be taken from this report." Mr. Sinai said, "it points to a sustained expansion this year, neither robust nor very, very weak." Shearson Lehman is forecasting

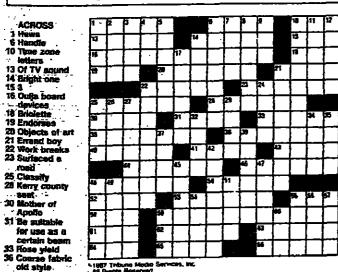
GNP growth after inflation of between two and three per cent. There have been other recent signs of economic strength, in-

cluding a Commerce Department report wednesday that the mer chandise trade deficit fell to \$38.3 billion in the first quarter from \$38.6 billion in the final three months of 1986.

It reported on Tuesday that consumers increased spending by 0.6 per cent in April, a positive sign since two-thirds of the economy's output is derived from consumer spending.

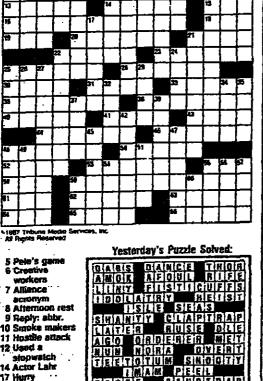
Federal Reserve Board Governor Robert Heller, speaking in New York on Thursday said the dollar has failen enough for the in the U.S. government's key U.S. trade deficit to improve, barometer of future economic underscoring official optimism activity during April — the first about inflation and interest rates.

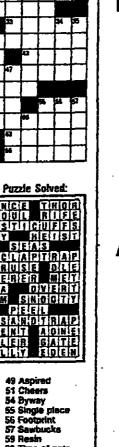
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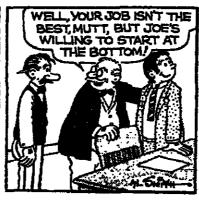
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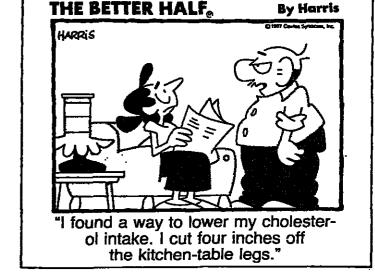
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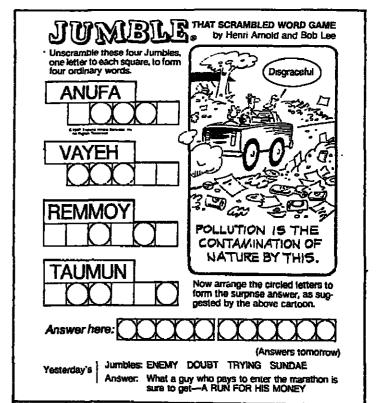












Embargo will destabilise Reagan S. Pacific, Fiji warns

SUVA (R) — The South Pacific region will suffer as a result of the trade ban. long-term destabilisation if the Fijian economy is crippled by an Australian and New Zealand trade union embargo, Governor-General Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau said Saturday.

He said in a statement that Fijians who supported the trade ban imposed in protest against the military coup two weeks ago were setting the country on the path to confrontation and destruction.

The governor-general said that if the economy was crippled by the ban it "would bring long-term destabilisation in the South Pacific region."

Ganilau was speaking as South Pacific leaders meeting in the Western Samoa capital of Apia decided to ask Fiji what assistance they could offer to help it recover from the coup.

"The time for condemning (the May 14 coup) is gone. Now is the time for compassion," Cook Islands Premier Sir Tom Davis told a news conference in Apia.

Ganilau said he was campaigning for national reconciliation. The coup deposed the elected government and split the country, which is almost equally divided between indigenous Fijians and Indians who arrived in last century when Fiji was still a British colony.

The governor-general, the personal representative of Queen Elizabeth. Fiji's head of state, said those involved in provoking and imposing trade bans were misguided.

The end result of their actions

Fiji economy to its knees and bankrupt the country," a govern-ment spokesman quoted Ganilau

as saying.
Deposed Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra, who has staged a series of shop and school closures as part of a campaign of civil disobedience, launched a legal challenge to his overthrow in the supreme court.

Lawyers filed a writ asserting that the dissolution of parliament was illegal and the Bavadra coalition should be reinstated. It was not clear when the case would be

Bavadra's government gave the large Indian community a majority in power for the first time since independence from Britain. in 1970, angering militant ethnic Fijians who said they were being ruled by outsiders in their own COUNTRY

Coup leader Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka has called for the constitution to be changed to favour indigenous Fijians.

The New Zealand embassy in Fiji said Wellington has suspended defence cooperation with Suva because of the army's involvement in the coup. It has also cut all aid.

The governor-general said there was no cause for alarm about threatened food shortages is presumably to try and bring the in the country of 714,000 people no sign of its flag.

"There are many countries in the Pacific basin who have indicated their willingness to sell foodstuffs to Fiji and these transacations are being arranged," he

The Fiji Pharmaceutical Society. said there could be an acute shortage of essential drugs unless imports can be arranged within a fortnight. Ninety per cent of the country's medical drug supplies come from Australia and New Zealand.

Fiji's two main foreign exchange earners, sugar and tourism, have both been hit by the impact of the coup, with sugar cane remaining unharvested because of protest action by cane cutters.

ousted Fijian government were denied entry to the conference of South Pacific leaders Friday and there were signs that the meeting wanted nothing to do with the

He said they were told they could not enter because they were now the opposition. No place was provided for Fiji at the conference table and there was

Blazing tanker spills oil after channel collision

LONDON (R) - A Liberianregistered tanker was ablaze and spilling its load of crude oil into the sea after a collision with a Polish cargo vessel in the channel early Saturday, coastguards said.

The 67.239-ton Skyron was abandoned by its 25-man crew after the collision with the 7,704ton Hel 25 miles off the English ferry port of Ramsgate. The coastguard said there were no serious injuries.

British and Belgian belicopters and a British Royal Air Force Nimrod patrol aircraft took part arrived in the area to monitor the

in the rescue operation as lifeboats and other vessels headed for the scene. One coastguard said: "The Sky-

ron just burst into flame." The burning tanker was spilling its 137,000-ton load of crude oil into the channel, triggering a major pollution alert, although coastguards said it was too early to establish the extent of the pollu-

A specially equipped British government surveillance aircraft

dam, and the Hel, headed for the Chilean port of Valparaiso, happened shortly before dawn in one of the world's busiest shipping Traffic up and down the chan-

nel is strictly controlled by French and British coastguards, who use radar and rigid "motorway" regulations to marshal ships on their

Coastguards said visibility was poor at the time of the accident.

Mozambique

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP)

- Security forces have captured

several members of a South Afri-

can commando group that killed three people in a raid on Maputo.

the Mozambican News Agency

The news agency, AIM, did not specify the number of people arrested, but said the captives

were carrying documents that gave details of Friday's pre-dawn

A government communique said the attack was aimed at

members of the African National

Congress (ANC), but that the three people killed were Mozam-

bicans. The ANC is the main

guerrilla movement fighting to

overthrow South Africa's white-

AIM said Foreign Minister Pacoal Mocumbi told foreign di-

plomats that the confiscated

documents proved the attack on

four houses in Maputo was

orchestrated by South Africa's

In a statement late Friday, be-

fore Mozambique announced the captures, South African Foreign Minister R.F. Botha said he re-

jected accusations that South Africa conducted the raid. The

South African Defence Force said Saturday it had nothing to

add to its statement Friday, in

which it declined to comment on

"unsubstantiated allegations of

incidents in Mozambique."

Mozambican officials said the

raiders used bazookas and

firearms, then fled in boats from

a Maputo beach. A government statement described the attack as

One victim, 22-year-old Joao

Chavane, was a night guard at a house used by the ANC to store

clothing for South African re-

fugees in transit, AIM reported.

It said his body was burned after

he was clubbed to death with an

AIM said the other victims, a

couple reportedly shot to death in

their third floor apartment with

silenced revolvers, were killed

because the attackers mistook

them for ANC members who

"barbaric aggression."

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(AIM) reported Saturday.

reports

Chinese floods kill 42 more; fires erupt again

by tite and water continued Saturday with reports of 42 more lives lost in southern floods and a resurgence of forest fires in the

The China Daily said the latest storm deaths all occurred in Guangxi Zhuang region, west of the worst-hit area, Guangdong province. The floods began to subside in

Guangdong, where 114 people were killed, but 55,000 hectares (140,000 acres) of farmland in Guangxi Zhuang had been swamped since the start of this month, the newspaper said. It reported torrential down-

pours as recently as Tuesday. flooding more than half of the 22 townships in Hengxian county in the space of three hours. A total of 4,500 houses and

nearly 200 bridges were destroyed in the floods which also damaged more than 60 kilometres of irrigation ditches strong north-west wind.

PEKING (R) — China's ordeal and nearly 200 kilometres of river | capturing embankments.

According to the Gunagdong weather forecasting centre, the rainy season will last until early June. The newspaper said the rainy air currents had moved south to the Thuising of the Thuisin south to the Zhujiang delta area and west to Yangchun and Yang-jiang counties in the west of MAPUTO, Moza

Far to the north, the China Daily said, a spreading blaze in the Inner Mongolia region had burnt about 11,000 hectares (27,000 acres) of land, one-third of it forest.

A total of 1,300 weary firefighters, many of them on front-line fire duty since early this month, were fighting the blaze along a 10 kilometre front about 45 kilometres south-east of the town

The fire was spotted by a survey plane on Thursday and quickly got out of control, fuelled by a

BY CHARLES GOREN

I IS FOR INFERENCE

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The bidding: North East South West 1 7 3 ♠ Pass Pass Pass Opening lead: Queen of ♥

As we start the third week of the dictionary of bridge plays, we have reached "I for Inference." Sometimes the location of a particular card might not be directly revealed by either the bidding or the play. However, you might be able to draw an inference that permits you to place the card precisely. Here's

an example of what we mean. With his defenseless hand and the master suit, South's decision to preempt after East's overcall has this department's endorsement. North's raise to game is fully

Guangdong province.

GOREN BRIDGE

After winning the first trick with the queen of hearts, West continued the suit to his partner's king. East cashed the ace of diamonds and exited with a low dia-mond. The fate of the contract hinged on bringing in the trump suit without losing a trick, and from the bidding either defender could hold the king. Considering the spade suit alone, the percentage play is to finesse. However, de-clarer cashed the ace of spades to fell East's king and claimed his contract. What made declarer go

against the odds?
Unless the defenders had made an egregious error, West could not hold the king of spades. If West did indeed have that card, East could have ensured the contract's defeat by leading a third heart after cashing the ace of diamonds. West would score the setting trick by overruffing with the king.
Actually, East defended very

well. Had he played another heart, declarer would have ruffed high and, when West could not overruff, the play of the ace of trumps would have been obvious (unless West was pulling off a "Grosvenor Gambit"). Unfortunately, his failure to lead another heart was as re-vealing to a declarer who could draw the correct inference.

The trade embargo has hit imported fresh vegetables and flour.

Meanwhile two ministers in the coup in Suva.

Krishna Dutt, foreign minister in the elected government of Dr. Timoci Bavadra, told reporters he and L. ucation Minister Tupeni Baba were not surprised when door officials turned them away from the 12-nation South Pacific Forum where Fiji, the 13th member and outgoing chairman, is not represented

ing position," Mr. Baker was quoted as saying. The collision between the Sky-Macao ron, which was bound for Rotter-

resigns

governor

MÁCAO (AP) — Macao Gov. Joaquim Pinto Machado, who has been reported battling differences within his administration for months, submitted his resignation Saturday, the govern-ment Information Department reported

reportedly

Weinberger

WASHINGTON (R) — Presi-

dent Reagan has rejected a prop-

osal by Defence Secretary Caspar

Weinberger to alter a key U.S.

position in strategic arms reduc-

tion talks with the Soviet Union,

the Washington Post said

Mr. Weinberger's plan was dis-closed by White House Chief of

Staff Howard Baker in an inter-

In the arms reduction talks, the-

United States has asked that the

Soviet Union withdraw all of its

SS-20 medium-range missiles

targeted on Europe but be

allowed to keep a maximum of 100 warheads targeted on Asia.

In exchange, the United States

would remove all its Pershing-2

and ground-launched cruise mis-

siles based in Europe, but would

retain 100 medium-range war-heads in the continental United

Mr. Weinberger wanted the

U.S. position altered to call for

the elimination, on both sides, of

all medium-range missiles worl-

Mr. Baker said Mr. Reagan

rejected the plan principally be-

cause to alter the U.S. position at

this point might slow progress in

"I respect Cap (Weinberger).

but I think it would have been a

mistake to take that treaty off the

table because it would have sig-

nalled there is a significant

change in the American bargain-

the arms talks.

view, the newspaper said.

The president's rejection of

arms plan

rejects

The Information Department issued a brief statement from Mr. Machado, 56, saying he had submitted his resignation as governor of this Portuguese-administered territory off southern China to Protuguese President Mario

main at his post pending Mr. Soares' decision, officials said.

Inc. June 11 ballot, the Tories have concentrated on defence and attacked Labour's plans to

KEY WEST, Florida (R) — A Cuban general who defected to

the United States with his family

was flown out of Key West, Flor-

ida, on a military plane headed

for a secret destination, U.S.

Brigadier General Rafael Del

Pino Diaz, the highest-ranking Cuban military official to have

ever defected to the United

States, was accompanied by his

wife, three children and several

Federal Bureau of Investigation

(FBI) agents, according to navy

The departure came one day

after Gen. Del Pino piloted a

small twin-engine plane to Key

West naval air station, 145

kilometres from Havana, and

asked for asylum for himself and

He was accompanied by his

wife, a son in his 20's, another

teenage son and a younger

daughter, immigration officials

defection as the biggest intelli-gence coup since Fidel Castro

seized power in Cuba in 1959,

said Gen. Del Pino was deputy

Reagan aides, describing the

spokesman Steve Burnett.

his family.

navy officials said.

Bonn tries to contact teenage flyer who landed in Red Square

Air Defences facing a likely shake-up, West German embassy staff tried Saturday to contact the daring teenage pilot who slipped through the elaborate network and put his Cessna light plane down in Moscow's Red Square.

Mathias Rust, a 19-year-old West German who learned his flying at a Hamburg aero club, was still being questioned Saturday by Soviet military officials after landing his plane in front of unsuspecting police officers outside the Kremlin.

Soviet sources told Reuters his uestioners wanted to know how Rust flew 900 kilometres from Finland to the heart of Moscow apparently without being deected by Soviet air defences and put his plane down in Red Square on Thursday, the day the Soviet Union celebrated its national

Border Guard's day." The Soviet trade union daily Trud commented Saturday that obvious failures in the elementary laws of alertness" on the Soviet side would have to be

A West German embassy spokesman said diplomats still did not know where Rust was being held but were in touch with the Soviet Foreign Ministry and hoped to have information soon.

Under international accords. the Soviet authorities are obliged to inform the West Germans of his arrest within 72 hours.

Meanwhile, Rust's flying feat was the talk of Moscow, with news of it spreading by word of mouth in the absence of any detailed reports in the official media.

"It's astonishing," commented a student, voicing typical Muscovite sentiments of mingled admiration and concern over the incident. "When I heard about it I just couldn't believe it. He's a brave lad but it makes me worry about our defences."

The incident confronted Soviet military chiefs with some serious questions. According to Western military attaches, the Soviet Union has a very extensive network of air defences that includes triple-A anti-aircraft missiles and an anti-ballistic missile (ABM) Germany.

MOSCOW (R) - With Soviet system ringing Moscow. Pravda assured Soviet citizens in 1985 that the Soviet Union had air defences capable of hitting

any target at any height or speed in any weather and at any time of One Soviet source commented Friday, after Rust had swooped over the tomb of Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin and landed near ornate St. Basil's Cathed-

The highly manoeuvrable Cessna might have escaped air de-fences by flying too low for detec-tion, one Western diplomatic source said.

ral: "There are going to be more

than red faces among the military

After climbing out of his plane, Rust signed autographs for Muscovites in Red Square for several minutes before being arrested and led away by stunned

Despite Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of openness, the Communist Party daily Pravda Saturday only reprinted a TASS announcement of Friday night that Rust had violated Soviet airspace on the

Some eyewitnesses said a young woman stepped out of the plane with Rust. But others at the scene said he was alone, tallying with his mother's account of him as a passionate flyer who had no

time for girls. Western analysts said Soviet air defences looked set for a shakeup after their second failure in a

On Wednesday, a Soviet asylum-seeker flew an Antonov-2 cropduster from Latvia to

Rust could now face a severe penalty for violating Soviet law, according to some analysts. But some said Moscow, whose image is changing under Gor-

bachev, might decide to let Rust off with a sharp reprimand. His club in Hamburg has said he will lose his flying licence and can forget his dream of becoming

a professional pilot. Rust could also face a bill of as much as 25,000 marks (\$13,000) surface-to-air missiles as well as to freight the plane back to West

Labour accuses Thatcher of sabotaging disarmament

LONDON (R) — Britain's scrap Britain's nuclear weapons. opposition Labour Party, countering attacks on its defence policy, has accused Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of seeking to sabotage a superpower disarmament agreement.

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"He is in a position to know

virtually everything about Cuban

military activities in Central

general he was undoubtedly

familiar with contingency plans for the defence of the island.

Burnett said the group de-

State Department officials.

being kept secret "for security

On arrival, Gen. Del Pino -

who was questioned for hours by

FBI agents on Thursday and Fri-

day in Key West - was expected

to face continued questioning by

U.S. officials. Gen. Del Pino, 47, an officer

who had long been regarded in

Cuban general, family taken to secret

The latest opinion poll, putting the Conservatives 12 points ahead of Labour, with the centrist Alliance trailing a poor third, sent London Stock Market prices to record gains Friday.

three-and-a-half-week run-up to ing that the Labour challenge had

location after defecting to Florida U.S. immigration authorities in south Florida. Burnett said the defectors re-

mained under the protective cus-America and elsewhere," a U.S. tody of the FBI. Burnett said he saw no evi-Justice Department official said. In Havana, a Cuban official dence to support claims by the told Reuters Gen. Del Pino Cuban government that Gen. Del Pino had been suffering severe would not have had access to all the secrets of the Cuban Armed mental stress at the time of defec-Forces, but that as an air force

"The general looked to be in good health and spirits and in full control of his senses," Burnett

parted the air base under tight In its first official comment on security at around 1 p.m. edt the defection, Cuba Friday said (1700 GMT) aboard a twin-en-Gen. Del Pino had a history of gine navy C-12 plane headed for psychological problems and accused him of 'repugnant an undisclosed location chosen by treachery. He said the destination was

"No fact or incident can justify his strange and treacherous conduct," the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces said in a statement published in the official newspap-

Despite Washington's claims, official publications showed no mention of Gen. Del Pino as deputy chief of staff or air force chief. Cuban officials said the general has never been men-

French sub finds wreck of Italian plane

reasons.

chief of the Cuban Defence Cuba as a hero of the revolution,

Ministry and former head of the was granted temporary asylum by

PARIS (R) - A French submarine has found the wreckage of an Italian airliner that crashed in 1980 killing 81 people after a still unexplained explosion, the French marine research institute Ifremer has said.

The institute's Nautile research submarine located the remains of the DC-9 Thursday scattered on the ocean bed some 3,500 metres beneath the surface of the Tyr-rhenian Sea north of Sicily.

The plane, owned by the nowdefunct Itavia domestic air company, crashed in mysterious circumstances in June 1980 while on a nigth flight from the northern Italian town of Bologna to the Sicilian city of Palermo.

Ifremer (Institut Français de Recherches Pour l'Exploitation de la Mer), which also helped-locate and film the Titanic wreck off Newfoundland, had been searching for the DC-9 for nearly a month under an agreement with the Italian Justice Ministry.

The plane's flight recorder has never been found and Italy commissioned the search in an effort to find what caused the crash.

Nautile, a small manned submarine designed to descend to 6,000 metres for marine research, will now try to retrieve parts of the wreckage over the next few

An official Italian report made

public last year said the aircraft plunged into the sea after an explosion but it did not determine whether the blast was caused by a bomb on board or an external

Theories advanced over the years to explain the crash include the possibility that it was hit by a missile fired by a Libyan plane or from a NATO warship on exercise in the area.

Ifremer said the Nautile submarine formally identified the wreckage on the sea bed after researchers determined its location with sonic sounding devices and an unmanned craft equipped with video cameras.

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Baggage handlers arrested at Heathrow

LONDON (R) — Police have arrested more than 20 British Airways baggage handlers at London's Heathrow Airport, suspected of thefts from passengers' luggage. The arrests, at Heathrow — the world's busiest airport — and the handlers' homes, followed months of surveillance, police said. The detainees are expected to be charged within 24 hours and appear in court on June 12. Last year 15 baggage handlers at the airport, nicknamed "thief row", were jailed for a total of 53 years after hidden police video cameras spotted them stealing or trying to steal articles including money and jewellery from suitcases. Eight of the staff arrested were detained at terminal one, where European and domestic flights take off.

Teachers sick as a joke turns sour

ABERYSTWYTH, Wales (R) — Teachers at a local high school beamed when pupils offered them chocolate chip cookies before taking their end-of-term examinations. But the smiles soon disappeared when they discovered the cookies were laced with laxative chocolate. Headmaster Gerald Morgan reported most of his staff off sick and 20 sixth-year students suspended for a day.

Veteran becomes head Buddhist monk

BELSAY, England (R) - A former U.S. army helicopter gunship pilot who fought in Vietnam took over as chief monk of a Buddhist monastery near this northern town. The 39-year-old venerable Pabhakaro - once Captain Gordon Kappel of the First Air Cavalry - said he discovered Buddhism in Thailand while on leave from his base in Phuoc Zinh near the Kampuchean border. He applied for discharge from the army as a conscientions objector and became a monk. Buddhists are opposed to violence. "I was disillusioned by the whole thing and put off by the experience in Vietnam," said Pabhakaro, recalling how he was sickened as a recruit by the body counts chalked on blackboards. Pabhakaro, who served in Vietnam between July 1969 and August 1970, told Reuters he spent most of his days meditating and described the six-monk Harnham Vihara Monastery as

WHO chooses 'death's head' for AIDS

GENEVA (R) - The World Health Organisation (WHO) has displayed its first AIDS prevention poster - a death's head imposed on two overlapping hearts. It marked the launch of a WHO information campaign to educate people about AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), which attacks the body's natural defence system and is spread by sexual contact and exchanges of blood. The colour poster, designed by American artist Milton Glaser, shows two overlapping red hearts which form a blue death's head in the centre. The caption is "AIDS: A. Worldwide Effort Will Stop It." WHO figures showed 112 countries reporting a total of 51,069 AIDS cases. It was the first time the official WHO count has topped 50,000. The WHO estimates the real figure is more than 100,000 and says some 10 million people have been infected with the virus but have not developed the disease.

Police hunt Soweto millionaire

JOHANNESBURG (R) - A millionaire from the black township of Soweto and his girlfriend are alleged to have defrauded a leading bank of about nine million rand (\$4.5) million), lawyers have said. Zola Daniel Mahobe, a flamboyant businessman and owner of a top black soccer team, and his girlfriend, Snowy Mashoeshoe, were named in an affidavit submitted in court by Standard Bank, the victim of the alleged fraud. The bank, the second largest in South Africa and an associate of Britain's Standard Chartered Plc, charged that Mahobe had nine million rand transferred into his accounts by Mashoeshoe, who worked as a clerk in the bank. Mashoeshoe, who was arrested on Monday, is alleged to have bypassed the bank's computer safeguards and over a two-year period transferred the funds into accounts controlled by Mahobe. Mahobe, who is hunted by police, is reported to have spent large sums recently on buying players for his team, the Mamelodi Sundowns.

Soviet Union begins broadcasts to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Soviet Union has begun regular weekend broadcasts to the United States from Cuba, according to the United States Information Agency (USIA). The broadcasts in English began last Saturday, the same day the Soviets stopped jamming Voice of America (VOA) transmissions, the agency said. USIA director Charles Z. Wick said the ending of the jamming and initiation of Soviet broadcasts "are separate, unilateral acts which have no direct bearing on Soviet and U.S. proposals for media reciprocity."

Jackson bids for remains of elephant man

LOS ANGELES (R) - Entertainer Michael Jackson has submitted a bid to buy the remains of John Merrick, the severely deformed Englishman popularly known as "the elephant man, from a London hospital, his manager has said. "Jackson has a high degree of respect for the memory of Merrick," Frank Dileo, Jackson's manager, said in a statement released by the 28-yearold singer's publicist. Merrick, who was the subject of director David Lynch's 1980 film the Elephant Man, died in 1900 and his body has been preserved by the London Hospital Medical College where he spent the last years of his life.

Marketing of heart drug blocked

WASHINGTON (R) — An expert panel of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) voted against recommending final approval for a new heart treatment, an FDA spokeswoman has said. "The panel recommended against approval for lack of adequate data on mortality," the spokeswoman said of Genentech Inc.'s TPA blood clot-dissolving drug, used to treat serious heart attacks. She said members of the FDA's cardio-renal advisory committee were impressed with the data on the drug's ability to dissolve the blood clots that cause heart attacks. But: committee members said there was insufficient data for them to determine whether use of the drug actually prolonged the life of patie s. The committee vote means significant further delays for Gene ech's ability to put TPA on the market. Market analysts say the d g has a potential worldwide market of as much as \$1.5

'Chopstick hairstyle' model detained

PEKING (R) - A photo session in central Peking with a Chinese model sporting 200 chopsticks entwined in her hair was broken up by police with a more conservative taste in ladies, hairstyles. Police objected to the session in front of a huge portunit of the Police objected to the session in front of a huge portural of the late Chairman Mao. They detained Singapore-born hairdresser Allan Soh and the local model on whom he had just fashioned his "chopstick hairstyle," a spokeswoman for Soh said. They were released after an hour and told not to be so outrageous in public again. "The hairstyle caused a sensation and Chinese people kept coming up to touch the hair," the spokeswoman said. "That's when the police started detaining people."

3-year old survives 70-metre fall

TOKYO (R) — A three-year old girl fell about 70 metresfrom the veranda of her 26th-floor apartment but landed on an azalea bash on the second floor and survived, Japanese police have said.

Ayaka Sakai broke her left leg but was otherwise unfurt, police: said. She apparently climbed over the 1.2 metre veranda fence while looking for her mother. Police said the bushes and the weight helped her survive the fall from the building in Kanasaki.

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